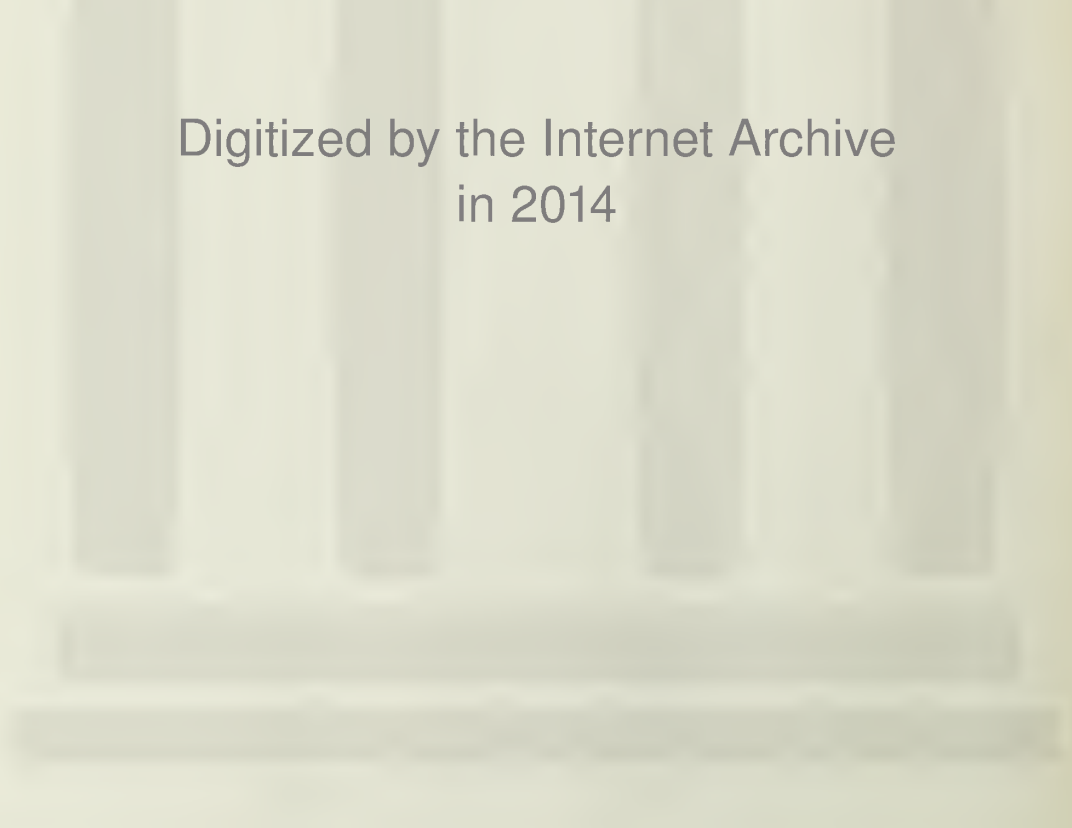

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BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

1964-1967

JANUARY 22, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Martin F. Walsh
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake and Daniel G. O'Connor.
Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher was absent because of a previous engagement.
Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden was at Franklin Park.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Pigeon Control

Secretary reported at length on meetings held and correspondence since the last Commission meeting, particularly the permit granted as a result of the correspondence by the Director of Fisheries and Game of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through James M. Shepard, Director, authorizing the program from January 27 through February 8, 1964, and the areas that Mr. C. E. Faulkner, Regional Supervisor of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the United States Department of the Interior, estimates cover a population of 10,000 birds.

The six areas are as follows:

(1) New York Central Railroad Grain Bins opposite the Logan Airport, East Boston
1,200 birds

(2) New York Central Railroad, Pier #1, East Boston, Grain Bins
2,000 birds

(3) Grain Elevator on Medford Street, Charlestown, privately owned
1,000 birds

(4) Boston and Maine Freight Yard just over the Cambridge line
1,000 birds

(5) Commonwealth Avenue from Dartmouth Street to the Public Garden
2,000 birds

(6) Boston Common -- entire area -- approximately
2,800 birds

The details to put this program into effect are covered completely in the files of the Parks and Recreation Department office.

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Lowell School, Holland Playground, Roxbury

Commissioner Martin F. Walsh informed the Commissioners that the request of the School Department to use the old school as a headquarters for the Department of School Buildings was denied, and that in accordance with bids opened at the Park Department office since the last meeting a contract was awarded to Lind & Sons, Inc., 37 Langley Road, Avon, Massachusetts, for the demolition of the building at $10,450.00. Lind & Sons, Inc., was the low bidder.

In accordance with legislation and funds provided, it is the intention of His Honor the Mayor and the Park Commissioner to arrange for the construction of a modern small-tot play area on the site of the former Lowell School.

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Ryan Playground, Charlestown 1/22/64

A check for $10,000.00 was received from the Boston Edison Company on January 20 for the easement rights on a certain area in the John J. Ryan, Jr. Playground. This was in accordance with the vote of the Commission at its meeting on November 7, 1963, and it was approved by the City Council on December 9 and December 23, 1963, and by the Mayor on December 26, 1963.

The check for $10,000.00 was deposited with the City Collector on January 22, 1964. No further action is required.

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Mount Hope Cemetery

Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer, will report after a meeting with Mr. Edward L. Gilson, Jr., executor of property adjacent to the cemetery.

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The Commission recessed at 11:40 a.m. and proceeded by car to visit three locations. Mr. O. Phillip Snowden joined the other members of the Commission at Franklin Park, but because of a previous appointment he was obliged to leave. There was no action taken by the Commissioners on these sites.

(1) Franklin Park

The area at Franklin Park is one that is now heavily wooded and is known as the "wilderness." If permission is granted for a "campus-type school" to be constructed here, it will require much excavation and development.

Senate Bill No. 28 does allow the construction of such school provided the Superintendent of Construction in the Department of School Buildings, the School Committee, and the Superintendent of Schools so requests and if the Parks and Recreation Commission so recommends. Then the City Council may, with the approval of the Mayor, transfer the property to the School Department.

(2) Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway

The Commissioners, although taking no actual vote, did not look with favor upon the transfer of this property or the sale of the property as it is a vital part of the Park system, and it should be left within the Park system.

(3) Chestnut Hill Roadway

This will require further study, but the Commissioners are of the opinion that some action must be taken to correct the unsightly condition of the roadway and the unrestricted parking that is prevalent in this area, day and night.

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CONTRACT awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:
(Re-advertisement)
"Razing the Lowell School at Center and Mozart Streets, Roxbury, Massachusetts

Lind & Sons, Inc., 37 Langley Road, Avon, Massachusetts...$10,450.0

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ALTERATION approved by Commissioner Walsh upon the recommendation of Chief Engineer Byrne:
183 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"Change of Occupancy from a 9 apartment house to an 11 apartment house."

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. after visiting the park areas

Secretary

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FEBRUARY 6, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Martin F. Walsh
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
Daniel G. O'Connor
O. Phillip Snowden

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway -- Sale of Land

(Chapter 330, Acts of 1962)

After considerable discussion and reading of correspondence pertaining to this matter, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council and Mayor the acceptance of Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1962.

Mr. Camille F. Sarrauf, attorney for Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, was called into the meeting and informed of the Commission's action.

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Franklin Park -- Suggested School Site

The Secretary read to the Commission the communication dated February 6 from William H. Ohrenberger, Superintendent of the Boston Schools, concerning Senate Bill No. 28 authorizing the City of Boston, through the Parks and Recreation Commission, to turn over a portion of Franklin Park in the West Roxbury district for school purposes.

The communication asks the Commissioner to write to Senator John E. Harrington, Chairman of the Committee on Cities, indicating approval of the proposed legislation.

The Commission took no action by vote on this matter, and after consultation with Mr. William A. McDermott, Acting Corporation Counsel, who was present at the meeting, the Commission instructed the Secretary to call Mr. Ohrenberger personally and to inform him of the following facts:-- That this particular legislation has never been formally presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and further that Senator Harrington should be instructed to confer with Paul Burns, legislative agent for the City of Boston, who in turn would report to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Burns, as the legislative agent for the city, should be in a position to inform the Commission of the background of this legislation and the interest of the City Administration.

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Dorchester Park -- Request for Land for an Addition to Hospital

The Secretary read to the Commission the communication of Dr. William A. Lynch, writing on behalf of the staff doctors of the Carney Hospital, requesting the right to obtain additional park land in the Dorchester district for the construction of a new maternity hospital and associated services.

On motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was voted to take the request under advisement.

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Chestnut Hill Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue -- Apartment House Si

The Secretary reported to the Commission that Mr. Joseph Gragli. attorney for the Turner Construction Company, indicated in a telepho conversation that he expects to have a special hearing before a legi. lative committee within a week which , if approved, will allow the courts to confirm all titles and agreements entered into that are connected with all Chestnut Hill park land takings.

The construction of the apartment house and all the legal details in connection with the construction have been before the Commission for the past few years at many meetings.

No further action can be taken until authority has been granted to start construction of the apartment house.

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Chestnut Hill Avenue, Wallingford Road, Brighton

The Secretary brought the Commission up-to-date on the acquisition of this land by the Boston Edison Company which has been before the Commission for a long period of time.

A letter dated January 30, 1964, from Arthur F. Morgan, Director of the Tax and Real Estate Department of the Boston Edison Company, was read by the Secretary. The letter contained a written offer to purchase from the City of Boston certain land and rights and easements for the sum of $6,500.00.

The Secretary also read a copy of a letter from Mr. Morgan to the Gulf Oil Corporation in which the Edison Company is offering the sum of $1,500.00 for the release of rights and easements over a strip of land entering into the land they desire to purchase from the Parks and Recreation Department.

The land which the Edison Company desires, and which has been mentioned at several previous meetings, is for the construction of a power station. The original private land in the same area on which the Edison Company had planned to build a power station has been taken by the Boston Housing Authority for the construction of housing for the elderly.

It should be noted that under date of March 15, 1963, the Boston Edison Company, through Mr. Morgan, had made an offer to purchase from the City of Boston the parcel of land above referred to for $8,000.00.

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Chestnut Hill Roadway -- Evergreen Cemetery Area

The Commissioner and the Chief Engineer informed the Commissioners that plans are being drawn to construct a new 35 to 40 foot roadway in the Chestnut Hill area from Commonwealth Avenue to Chestnut Hill roadway bordering Boston College. The present roadway is approximately 80 feet wide.

When the roadway is constructed, a high curbstone will be built on either side of the road. The remaining area will be planted with grass and trees and landscaped.

In this way it is hoped to prevent the unrestricted parking of hundreds of cars during the day and at night.

Commissioner Walsh informed the Commission that he had discusse the planned work with May o r Collins and that the Mayor approved the action that was to be taken.

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Garvey Playground, Neponset

The Commission were informed by the Secretary of the approval by His Honor the Mayor under date of January 24, 1964, after prior approval of two readings of the City Council on December 30, 1963, and January 20, 1964, allowing the Metropolitan District Commission to construct an artificial skating rink on a section of the William Garvey Playground in the Neponset district. The legislation covering this matter had been approved by the Commission at its meeting of December 10, 1963.

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Public Squares and Small Grassed Areas in the City of Boston

Commissioner Walsh and the Secretary reported to the Commission that His Honor the Mayor has placed sufficient funds within the 1964 budget for the taking over by the Parks and Recreation Department of approximately 125 grassed sidewalk areas and squares now under the control of the Public Works Department of the City of Boston.

To handle this additional work, Commissioner Walsh stated that it will require three additional working foremen--laborers and fifteen park laborers. The cost for salaries will be approximately $70,000.00 annually.

Mr. William A. McDermott, Acting Corporation Counsel, stated that an official order transferring these areas must be passed by the City Council.

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City Council Order -- Councillor Hines

For the information of the Commission, City Council order adopted January 27, 1964, filed by Councillor Peter Hines, was read to the Commissioners.

The order provides that, within a 90-day period from January 27, 1964, a hearing will be held by the City Council regarding the so-called Inner Belt Highway as it relates to certain areas, schools, churches, and buildings, within the Fenway section of the city, that would be affected by the new highway. The Parks and Recreation Department is included with a number of educational institutions, hospitals, and museums that will be affected by the Highway.

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High-Rise Building -- Jamaicaway

Chief Engineer Byrne acquainted the Commission with plans that were presented to the department on Monday, February 3, relating to the construction of a 29-story apartment house building at Perkins Street, Jamaicaway. This is the site of the old Reuter estate.

Jamaicaway Development, Inc., 96 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, is the developer of the area.

Commissioner Martin F. Walsh, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, signed the plans and the official notice from the Building Department of the city to the effect that, "Parks and Recreation Department approval not necessary under Boston Redevelopment Authority deviation, dated February 3, 1964."

Supplementing this vote a letter was read to the Commission from John F. Bok, Assistant Legal Officer of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, informing the Commission of the laws which allow this deviation permitting the construction of the proposed apartment house at a height of 265 feet from ground level.

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Mr. Byrne, the Chief Engineer, stated to the Commission that the plans indicate the construction of the tower apartment, a group of family town-houses, two-stories high, a swimming pool, tennis court, a children's play area, and a three-story underground garage for the parking of cars.

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EXTENSION OF CONTRACT to MARCH 1, 1964

"Alterations to Field House at Major Christopher F. Lee Playground, South Boston, Massachusetts"

A. W. Mednick, Inc., 1191 North Main Street, Randolph, Massachusetts

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Secretary

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MARCH 11, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Martin F. Walsh
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake and Frederick A. Meagher
Associate Commissioner Daniel G. O'Connor was on vacation.
Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden had a Boston Redevelopment Authority meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Franklin Park School Site

Mr. McDermott reported that the bill to transfer this property to the School Department as a site for a new campus-type high school is dead--at least for the present session of the legislature. There is no certainty that it will be revived.

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Chapter 799, Acts of 1963, Massachusetts Legislature

Mr. McDermott informed the Commissioners that the Administration is not interested in transferring Eustis Playground, Roxbury, or Willow Pond Road, Jamaica Plain, to the Metropolitan District Commission as sites for ice-skating rinks.

The Mayor is interested in turning over the old Emmons Playground area in Charlestown for an ice-skating rink. In order to construct the rink, in addition to park land, four parcels of property tax title will be taken from the Real Property Department and three other private parcels will be also taken. The Park Department area is of no further use as a playground, and accordingly, the following vote--on motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Meagher--was adopted:

"VOTED, that the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission to assent to the conveyance of the City of Boston to the Metropolitan District Commission of certain lands in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston at Austin Street, Rutherford Avenue, Union Street and Washington Street, as more fully described in said instrument of conveyance executed by the Mayor of Boston March 5, 1964."

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Chestnut Hill Avenue--Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton

The Secretary and Mr. McDermott reported on the construction of the high-rise apartment house at this location, which has been before the Commission since 1955. Within recent weeks, the legislature passed new legislation--Senate Bill No. 27--which ratified and confirmed the agreements covering all properties sold at any time within the Chestnut Hill area under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Governor Endicott Peabody signed the legislation on March 3, as a result of a letter from the Park Commissioner on March 2, indicating that this parcel of property is the only land in the Chestnut Hill Park area on which an agreement is now in effect to sell.

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Mr. McDermott reported that the same ten taxpayers who held up the sale of the property have now filed another suit in equity as a result of this latest legislation once again endeavoring to prevent the Parks and Recreation Commission from proceeding with the sale of land for a high-rise apartment building.

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Chestnut Hill Avenue--Wallingford Road, Brighton

The Secretary read to the Commission a communication from Mr. Arthur Morgan, Director of the Tax and Real Estate Department of the Boston Edison Company, with a copy of the letter from the Gulf Oil Corporation in which this company stated that they were willing to sell to the Edison Company for the sum of $1,500.00 the sixteen-foot common passageway to this location, now owned by the Gulf Oil Corporation.

It was pointed out that the Edison Company's original offer to the City of Boston was $8,000.00 (see letter of March 15, 1963) which they reduced to $6,500.00.(see letter of January 30, 1964) The Commissioners are desirous of knowing the reason for the reduction because it would appear that the $1,500.00 being paid to the Gulf Oil Corporation is the amount reduced from the offer to the City by the Edison Company.

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Boston Common Garage

There was considerable discussion by the Commissioners regarding the failure of the Boston Common Garage Authority to rehabilitate the Parade Ground on Boston Common.

Mr. McDermott suggested that the whole matter be presented to Arthur G. Coffey, Corporation Counsel, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Coffey.

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Information Booth, Boston Common

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. informed the Commission that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has finally signed the agreement after four months' negotiations involving the cost of this project. 64% is to be assumed by the City and 36% by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The architect's contract is nearing completion and it is hoped that the architect will be prepared to advertise in the near future.

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High-Rise Buildings, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

The Secretary reported on hearings that are being held before the City Council on the change of the park frontage on Commonwealth Avenue.

The change of the Park Frontage ordinance is before the City Council and very enthusiastic and well attended meetings are in progress with much opposition to the high-rise on Commonwealth Avenue.

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Chestnut Hill Roadway, Evergreen Cemetery

Chief Engineer Byrne reported that this project would cost $100,000.00, and we are awaiting to ascertain whether the Administration will agree to the expenditure of this amount from the Parkman Fund.

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High-Rise Building, Perkins Street, Jamaicaway

The Secretary read to the Commissioners a communication from John F. Bok, Assistant Legal Officer of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, permitting the Jamaicaway Development Corporation to deviate from the section of the zoning regulations which oppose a height limitation of seventy-feet within one hundred feet of the Jamaicaway so that there might be constructed at this location an apartment house two hundred sixty-five feet in height as well as some town houses, swimming pool, recreation area, etc.

This letter waives the park frontage act, but this is only temporary. The Parks and Recreation Commission really had no say on the matter because of the action of the Boston Redevelopment Authority provided the project is approved before April 1 when new zoning goes into effect. Mr. McDermott reported that nothing definite can be reported further at this time.

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Permit, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Muddy River, Highland Branch

The Chief Engineer informed the Board that permission had been granted to the Metropolitan Transit Authority to install the necessary equipment consisting of a buried cable on Park Department property at the Fenway Station of the Highland Branch at Muddy River. This is being done to guard against possible flood conditions.

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Public Squares and Grassed Areas

Commissioner Walsh stated that the department is ready to assume the care and control of all public squares and grassed areas throughout the city. Many of them formerly were under the control of the Public Works Department. Arrangements are being made for the necessary equipment and additional employees to do this work.

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Cummins Highway - American Legion Highway -- Zoning

The First Realty Corporation in Boston are to construct apartment houses at Legion Highway and Cummins Highway, Roslindale. The zoning has been varied to allow a sixty-five height.

The Commission is notified only because the area is within one hundred feet of Legion Highway which is under the Park Department's control.

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Pigeon Control Program

Commissioner Walsh reported that some 16,000 to 20,000 pigeons were eliminated during the campaign. The campaign will be resumed next winter when considerable snow is on the ground. This is the most opportune time.

Communications have been received from all over the country asking for our assistance and the formula used. These have all been referred to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

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Request of Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden

In compliance with the request of Commissioner Snowden at the meeting of February 6, all the Commissioners have been supplied with a copy of all lands sold or transferred in the last thirty years within this department.

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Contract awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

"Proposed Roadway Extension to Peters Hill in the Arnold Arboretum, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"

D. F. Frangioso & Company, 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan..$12,272.5

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Extension of Contract

"Alterations to FieldHouse at Major Christopher F. Lee Playground, South Boston, Massachusetts" to May 1, 1964

A. W. Mednick, Inc., 1191 North Main Street, Randolph, Massachusett

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Alterations approved by Commissioner Walsh upon the recommendation of Chief Engineer Byrne:

39 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"Change occupancy from one family to seven apartments as per plans.

332 Jamaicaway, Ward 19

"Application has been filed to erect a Type IV Booth Memorial Home at 332 Jamaicaway, Ward 19."

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Arthur J. Keefe
Secretary

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APRIL 28, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden
Associate Commissioner Daniel G. O'Connor was absent because of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Appointment of William J. Devine, Commissioner

A notice was received on April 15 from Joseph M. Dunlea, City Clerk, certifying that William J. Devine has been appointed to be Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring on the first Monday of the January following the next biennial municipal election at which a mayor is elected.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway

This matter has been before the Commission several times during the past year. At the meeting on February 6, 1964, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council and the Mayor the acceptance of Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1962 authorizing the City of Boston to sell certain park land in the West Roxbury district of said city to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston.

At a meeting of the City Council held on April 9, 1964, to which Mr. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Mr. O'Keefe, Executive Secretary, were present, a hearing was conducted by the City Council regarding the sale of this property for church purposes.

On April 13, the City Council, by a vote of 9 - 0, ordered that Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1962 entitled, "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to sell Certain Park Land in the West Roxbury district of Said City to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a corporation sole" be and hereby is accepted. This was approved by the Mayor on April 16, 1964.

At the meeting of the Park Commissioners on April 28 at which were present Reverend Father Maloof, Reverend Father Arbedian, and the attorney for the church, Mr. Camille Sarrouf, the following unanimous vote was adopted on motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, as follows:

"VOTED, to sell to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston approximately One Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand and Seventy-One (182,071) square feet of land, situated on the northerly side of Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway for the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00), and further VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to execute and deliver to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, in the name and behalf of the Commission, an instrument in writing conveying said premises."

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Chestnut Hill Avenue, Wallingford Road, Brighton

This matter has been before the Commission in one form or another since 1954. The Commission today was required to take action on the request of the Boston Edison Company to purchase a section of Park land located within this area to replace land in the immediate vicinity owned by the Edison Company and taken by the City as an elderly housing project to be constructed by the Boston Housing Authority.

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On motion by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted that the Parks and Recreation Department sell to the Boston Edison Company Eighteen Thousand and Five Hundred (18,500) square feet of land within the area at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Wallingford Road, Brighton, no longer required for public purposes for the sum of Six Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($6,500.00).

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Chestnut Hill Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton

This matter has been under discussion before the Parks and Recreation Commission since 1955 and concerns the erection of a high-rise apartment house building. The sale of land has already been approved by the Council and the Mayor and final acquisition awaits court action.

At the suggestion of Mr. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mr. Joseph Graglia, Attorney for the Turner Construction Company, to the effect that the Commissioners were happy to know that the company is still very much interested in this project, but that, upon advice of counsel, no further action will be taken by the Commissic until the injunction now pending is removed.

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Public Squares - Open Grassed Areas

Commissioner Devine reported to the Commission developments since the last meeting whereby the Parks and Recreation Department would assume the temporary care and control of one hundred and fourteen (114) squares and grassed areas within the City now under the control of the Public Works Department. Permanent custody of these areas can only be taken when the City Council approve the transfer.

After discussion with Mr. McDermott, the Commission agreed to take no further action at this time except to continue to maintain these areas on a temporary basis. In the meantime the Commissioner plans to appoint twenty men to maintain these squares and grassed areas.

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Arts Festival

There was considerable discussion regarding the Arts Festival on the Public Garden. In accordance with other years, the Commission, in general, are against the use of the area and still are hopeful that the Festival will be transferred to the Boston Common or some other suitable location within the city.

The Secretary reported to the Commission that the Festival will be for an extended period this year. The Festival plans to start moving in on May 11 with the opening in the early part of June. The closing will be late in August with all equipment to be removed by August 26.

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Park Land, Fenway Area, to Metropolitan District Commission

The Secretary read the communication of March 18 from Robert F. Murphy, Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission, requesting that the Parks and Recreation Department turn over to the Metropolitan District Commission the area, now under or formerly under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department, between Beacon and Boylston Streets and Charlesgate East and West, excluding the triangular area enclosing the monument at Boylston St

A subsequent letter was received from the Commission, following an answer to Commissioner Murphy by Arthur O'Keefe as Acting Commissioner, in which the Metropolitan District Commission agreed to enter and take the triangular piece of property on Boylston Street on which is constructed the John Boyle O'Reilly monument. On advice of Mr. McDermott, the Commission voted to take no action.

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Charlesgate, Storrow Drive - Metropolitan District Commission

Plans for the construction of an overpass bridge from Storrow Drive to the Fenway were discussed with the Chief Engineer, Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. No action was taken.

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Jamaicaway - Muddy River Dredging Operations

The Chief Engineer informed the Commission that work on the dredging of the Muddy River at the Huntington Avenue end of the Jamaicaway is progressing in an orderly fashion and should be a great improvement in this area.

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Boston Common Information Booth

Chief Engineer Byrne stated that the architect is now in the process of developing plans and this project should be advertised in the immediate future.

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Bequest of Sylvia Engel of $50,000.00 to the Parks and Recreation Department

The Secretary read a communication from Arthur G. Coffey, Corporation Counsel, to the ffect that a Sylvia Engel in her will set forth a provision bequesting $50,000.00 to the City of Boston which income, if the city does not operate a zoo, is to be used for recreational facilities for children. If and when the will is probated, the department will be further informed as to how the money may be spent.

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Willow Pond Road, Jamaica Plain

Under the terms of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1964, recently accepted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, among the areas being considered for a skating rink is the Willow Pond area of Jamaica Pond.

Mr. McDermott informed the Commission that a proper legal document to be executed by the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel and the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation will be necessary in order to proceed with the construction. It was the consensus of the Commission that they would look with favor on conveying the land to the Metropolitan District Commission for the purposes stated in Chapter 799.

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For the Information of the Commissioners

Since the last meeting, His Honor has approved award of a concession to:

(1) William E. Taylor, 215 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale, as professional at the George Wright Golf Course - from $50.00 a year to $150.00 a year.

(2) Paul G. Paget, 5 Driftwood Road, Jamaica Plain - Swanboat concession for four years - increased from $800.00 to $1,000.0 annually.

(3) John E. Crowley, 149 Beaver Street, Hyde Park - concession at George Wright Golf Course - increased from $601.00 to $2,002.00 for a 3-year period. This was awarded after a publicly-advertised bid.

CONTRACTS awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees and Stumps in the City of Boston, Massachusetts".....$11,290.00

Maltby & Company, 30 Old Page Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts

(2) "Painting at the Charlestown Pool, Ensign John J. Doherty, Jr. playground, Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts" $6,843.00

R. Tweed and Son, 249 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain

ALTERATIONS approved by Commissioner upon the recommendation of Chief Engineer Byrne since the last meeting:

(1) 476 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5-Install restaurant equipment a non-bearing partitions as per plans. No liquor or alcoholic
(2) beverages to be served.
377 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5
"Garland Junior College to change occupancy from a one family to a dormitory.

(3) 236 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5
"Change of occupancy - one family dwelling and professional offices to classrooms."

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Secretary

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JUNE 2, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake and O. Phillip Snowden
Absent: Associate Commissioners Frederick A. Meagher who is on vacation and Daniel G. O'Connor who is ill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

WILLOW POND ROAD, JAMAICA PLAIN

Under the terms of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1964, recently accepted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, this area was considered by the Commission at the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 11, and it was the consensus of the Commissioners that they would look very favorably on conveying the land to the Metropolitan District Commission for the purposes stated in Chapter 799, which was for the construction of a skating rink.

The following vote was unanimously adopted on motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Blake:

"VOTED: That the Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission to assent to the conveyance of the City of Boston to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts--Metropolitan District Commission of certain lands in the Jamaica Plain district of the City of Boston bounded easterly by the Jamaicaway, northeasterly by Willow Pond Road, westerly by the boundary line between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, and southwesterly by an extension of the center line of Parkwood Terrace projected to the said boundary line, as more fully described in said instrument of conveyance executed by the Mayor of Boston, May 22, 1964."

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

This matter has been before the Commission on many occasions during the past two years. Present at today's meeting were Mr. Arthur Morgan and Mr. Bartlett of the Real Estate Division of the Boston Edison Company.

The following vote was unanimously adopted on motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden:

"VOTED: That certain interests of the City of Boston are no longer required for public purposes and that the Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council that the City of Boston sell to the Boston Edison Company for a sum of $6,500.00, 18,793 square feet of land, being shown as Parcel A on a plan marked Wallingford Road, Brighton, January 1963, Frederick L. Garvin, Acting Division Engineer, and together with rights of way for passage and for all necessary underground facilities for the transmission of electricity and for pipes, mains, and other means of conveying all other necessary utilities and services to and from said parcel of land in a 'proposed right of way as shown on said plan.'"

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BRIGHTON

This matter has been before the Commission in several forms since 1955. At today's meeting the Secretary read Chapter 132 concerning ratification of the sale of all properties in the Chestnut Hill area. This was approved by the Legislature on March 4, 1964.

A hearing was held in the Superior Court on this bill on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 25, 26, and 27. Present at the hearings were Commissioners Harry J. Blake and O. Phillip Snowden; former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Martin F. Walsh; Executive Secretary, Arthur J. O'Keefe; William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Attorney Charles Mahoney representing the taxpayers who objected to the sale of the above land. No witnesses were called, but there were several bench conferences with Judge Thomas H. Spring.

Mr. McDermott reported that the case, as now standing, has been decided in favor of the city. However, Mr. Mahoney has filed further action in an attempt to stop the Commission from selling this property.

On motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, the following vote was unanimously adopted:

"VOTED: To approve preliminary plans and specifications, in accordance with Section 3 of the agreement of May 5, 1961, for the construction of an apartment building entitled "Carleton Towers" and located at the corner of Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth Avenues, Brighton district, except as to number of stories which shall be limited to seventeen (17) stories, according to plan signed by Leo Kornblath, Architect, 859 Third Avenue, New York 22, New York."

It was further voted unanimously on motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Blake, as follows:

"VOTED: That the Chairman be, and hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver a deed of the land situated at the corner of Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth Avenues, Brighton district, as provided in agreement signed May 5, 1961."

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FENWAY - CHARLESGATE EAST-WEST OVERPASS, CONVEYANCE TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSIO

The Metropolitan District Commission has let a contract for the construction of a traffic interchange between Storrow Drive and Gaston Circle. In connection with this, the Collins Memorial at Commonwealth Avenue and Charlesgate West will require re-location.

The Metropolitan District Commission has informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that the Boston Art Commission has selected a site for the statue in the center Mall of Commonwealth Avenue just east of Massachusetts Avenue.

It was pointed out during the Commission meeting that at no time has the Parks andRecreation Commission approved plans for the construction of the traffic interchange. On advice of counsel, at the present meeting, no action was taken.

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EAST BOSTON STADIUM

It was voted that Commissioner Harry J. Blake discuss with Mr. William Sullivan, General Manager of the Patriots Football Team, the conditions covering the use of the East Boston Stadium by the team for the 1964 season.

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BOSTON COMMON GARAGE RE-SODDING

The Secretary read to the Commissioners the letter written by Mr. James J. Sullivan, Jr., Member of the Massachusetts Parking Authority, to Mr. Samuel A. Valenti, Chairman. Mr. Sullivan, as a member of the Authority, requested that Thompson & Lichtner Company, Inc. be directed to prepare and to submit to the Authority immediately plans and specifications for the restoration of the surface of Boston Common which tops the underground garage.

It was reported by Mr. William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the Parking Authority were to meet on June 2 and that no further action is required by the Commission today. Mr. McDermott further reported that if immediate action is not taken, then it is planned to take the case to the courts.

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EASEMENT - NIKE SITE, BURLINGTON AND WOBURN

The Board assigned Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer, to visit the site at Burlington and Woburn and if in his opinion the site should be acquired by the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department, then steps should be taken immediately to acquire the site for a sum of $1,430.00 from the General Services Administration, a division of the Federal Government.

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VOTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - LETTER FROM ARTHUR G. COFFEY, CORPORATION COUNSEL

Secretary read a communication from Arthur G. Coffey, Corporation Counsel, stating that, "In any matter requring a vote of the Board, the vote shall be by voice or roll call vote, and no secret or written ballot shall be used."

The Secretary noted for the information of the Commissioners that, in his many years of identification as Secretary of the Board, there never has been a secret or written ballot taken by the Commission.

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ALTERATIONS

FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION - 466 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5

"Change occupancy from hotelto 106 apartments, restaurant, lounge and offices, as per plans filed, May 21, 1964. Building to remain as apartment hotel; the dining room on the first floor to be enlarged for lounge purposes."

The Commission unanimously granted permission for these alterations provided that a report is received from Commissioner Blake after a personal investigation that the permit and plans are in proper order.

ALTERATIONS

Approved by the Commissioner upon recommendation of Chief Engineer Byrne since the last meeting:

324-326 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5

"To erect connecting balconies on #324 and #326 Commonwealth Ave nue."

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348 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5

"Tear out non-bearing partitions. Change occupancy from 3 apartments and 1 office to 7 apartments, according to plans submitted."

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CONTRACTS

Awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "Painting at the Charlestown Pool, Ensign John J. Doherty, Jr. Playground, Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, Mass."

R. Tweed & Son, 249 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass. $6,843.00

(2) "Proposed Drainage Work at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton, Mass. $8,733.00

Bennell Contracting Corporation, 751 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, Mass.

(3) "Proposed Drainage Work at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"

James Paul Construction, Inc., 28 Neal Street, Walpole, Mass. $16,080.00

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Secretary

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JULY 8, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
O Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher who was unable to be present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING DANIEL G. O'CONNOR

On motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution in tribute to the late Associate Commissioner, Daniel G. O'Connor:

RESOLUTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Boston, wishing to take due recognition of the death of Associate Commissioner, Daniel G. O'Connor, and to express sympathy to his family, it was resolved that:

The members of the Parks and Recreation Commission learned with regret of the death on Tuesday, June 9, 1964, of our Associate Commissioner, Daniel G. O'Connor, after ten years of outstanding and devoted service to the City of Boston through his membership on this Commission.

It comes to few men to have the opportunity of giving service of so high a character. His sound judgment and wise counsel were often sought and always respected, and his public service was a source of edification to all. The benefits resulting from this public service will last as long as the Parks and Recreation Department exists.

The years of his active and splendid life were dominated by a love of Boston and particularly of the park system, and during his years on this Commission he worked always to preserve and beautify the parks and playgrounds of his native city.

In a more personal way, the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission deeply regret the loss of a good friend and a valued associate. His wisdom, his exemplary life, his kindliness and his devotion to duty will long be remembered.

It is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this Commission and that a copy be forwarded to his widow.

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READING OF APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary read the appointments of the following to the Parks and Recreation Commission:

James P. Sullivan for the term ending May 1, 1967

O. Phillip Snowden for the term ending May 1, 1968.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

Upon recommendation of Commissioner William J. Devine, the Commission voted to reactivate the matter of acquisition of land at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, started late in 1961 and never completed.

A letter will be sent to the Mayor asking that an appropriation be made in the sum of $15,000.00 for acquisition of land needed for the development of Fairview Cemetery and that the City Law Department be asked to develop the proper order and necessary procedure for the acquisition of this land.

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CHARLESGATE OVERPASS--COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

This matter has been before the Commission on several occasions in recent months. It was unanimously voted on advice of counsel that no action be taken because of the fact that the Metropolitan District Commission--in connection with the development of the roadway overpass over Commonwealth Avenue from the Fenway to Storrow Drive--has never requested the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department for any of the actions that they have taken on this project.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, BURLINGTON--WOBURN

The Secretary read a letter of William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, asking that the Federal Government abandon its interest in this land without any cost to the City of Boston. The Federal Government had asked the sum of $1,430.00. The Commissioner will await a reply of Mr. McDermott's letter to R. W. Jones, Regional Director of the General Services Administration.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The sale of a portion of land (18,793 square feet) for the sum of $6,500.00 is pending before the City Council. No action is required at this time by the Commission.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

On motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to write to Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator, asking for a meeting between the Commission and the Boston Redevelopment Authority concerning proper recreation and playground space in the planned BRA waterfront development.

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GIFT OF MRS. GRACE S. BATCHELDER - TREES, PUBLIC GARDEN

The Secretary informed the Commissioner that a letter has been addressed to Truman W. Eustis III of New York, one of the executors of the will of Mrs. Grace S. Batchelder, setting forth the conditions under which $1,000. may be accepted by the Parks and Recreation Department for the planting of trees on the Public Garden in memory of Mrs. Batchelder. There will be no further action until the conditions set forth have been accomplished.

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FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT - JULY 6, 1964

The Secretary briefed the Commission on the report of the Finance Commission issued on July 6, 1964, concerning the expenditure of $80,000.000. on a Capital Improvement Program in the next ten years for the building of public buildings throughout the city. Included in these buildings are twenty recreation centers.

The Finance Commission believes it will be worthwhile for the city to explore the possibility of having one architect design similar buildings for the various departments; and possibly one contractor be awarded the contract, thus saving the city a tremendous amount of money.

No action is required by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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REPORT BY PATRICK J. RYAN, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Patrick J. Ryan reported at great length on the summer and fall program of the Recreation Division, the number of leagues, number of participants involved, cooperation from various city agencies, success of the programs, etc.

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KENMORE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

The Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Public Works Department are to spend $150,000.00 in improvements in Kenmore Square. The beautification project will make a fine entrance to downtown Boston. Flower boxes will be constructed and there will be places for trees. The contribution of the Parks and Recreation Department will consist of furnishing flowers and trees for the planting areas.

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THE FOLLOWING PLANS RECEIVED FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WERE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Chief Engineer, Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., reported on each individual plan.

(1) 74 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5 Alterations

"Build baths and kitchens on each floor to accommodate 10 families. Remove some non-bearing partitions and install some. All as shown on plans filed."

(2) 411 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5 Alteration

"Rearrange partitions in basement. Install aluminum windows and doors. Install fireproof ceiling panels."

(3) 347 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5 Alteration

"Addition to the existing building."

(4) 348 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5 Amendment

"Propose to eliminate the sprinklers."

(5) 82 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, WARD 5 Change of Occupancy

"A one family dwelling and lodging house to a 10 apartment house."

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CONTRACTS awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "FURNISHING AND PLANTING TREES ON STREETS AND PARKWAYS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

D. Cicconi, Inc., 21 Shannon Street, Brighton, Massachusetts $17,325.00

(2) "REPAIRS TO CONCRETE STAIRS AND WALLS AT FOOT BRIDGE AT GEORGE H. WALKER PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS"

Martin J. Kelly Company, Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts...$5,855.00

(3) "FURNISHING AND PLANTING EVERGREEN TREES ON FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

Alpine Tree and Landscape Corporation, 60 Hall Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts...$4,500.00

(4) "LAYING WATER PIPE, GRADING AND ASPHALT SURFACING AT FRANKLIN PARK, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

John J. Botti Company, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts...$20,214.00

(5) "DEVELOPMENT BURIAL AREAS AT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

D. F. Frangioso and Company, 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan, Massachusetts...$16,886.20

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Arthur D. Mahoney
Secretary

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AUGUST 19, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, FELLOWS AND HUNNEMAN STREETS, ROXBURY

The Commissioners were informed that the Green Shoe Company of Roxbury was interested in purchasing the J. J. Sullivan Playground on Fellows and Hunneman Streets, Roxbury, as a site for a new building and parking space for employees. This playground has not been in use for some years mainly because of demolition and the fact that very few persons reside in the area.

The Commissioners were precluded from considering the sale of the property because a call from an official of the Shoe Company indicated that he had been informed that the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth intended to take the playground as an area to be used by the new Southwest Expressway. There is no further action required until it is definitely known the route of the expressway.

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IRVING ADAMS PARK, ROSLINDALE SQUARE

The Commissioners discussed the request of the Traffic Commission to delete two sections of the park in Roslindale Square so as to allow rotary traffic around the park to help eliminate traffic congestion. It was brought out that the temporary channeling of traffic is working out well, but the Commissioners are reluctant to make further inroads on this beautiful small park.

It was unanimously voted by the Commission to lay the matter on the table and to have a further survey and study made. The matter is to be discussed further at the next meeting of the Commission.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department reported that the Land Committee of the City Council has still under consideration the sale of a small portion of this land to the Boston Edison Company. Until the report of the sale of this land is received, no further action can be taken by the Commission for the sale of the remaining property.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

The Commissioners unanimously voted to request that Commissioner James W. Haley, Chairman of the Public Improvement Commission, arrange taking by eminent domain 73,500 square feet of land on Fairview Avenue, St. Charles Street, and Atherton Street in the Hyde Park district.

This land, if taken, will make an extra entrance into Fairview Cemetery. The property was appraised on December 15, 1961, by the Public Improvement Commission, but no further action has been taken up to the present time. At the suggestion of Mr. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously voted to write to Mr. Haley and to once again start action towards obtaining this property. Mr. McDermott promised to follow up on the matter.

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WASHINGTON PARK, BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne and Secretary O'Keefe informed the Commission that since the last meeting, three meetings have been held with the Boston Redevelopment Authority officials regarding joint cooperation on developments, not only in the Washington Park section of Roxbury, but also on other sections of the city, as the occasion arises.

It was also reported that in the immediate future a joint meeting will be held with School authorities. It is hoped that, with continued meetings between these three groups, a plan will be developed to make Boston one of the most recreation-minded cities in the country.

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GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET
JOINT USE OF CLUB HOUSE FACILITIES BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

Considerable correspondence has transpired between the Metropolitan District Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the future use of the field house on Garvey Playground, Neponset. The Metropolitan District Commission is to construct under legislative authority a new skating rink on the Garvey Playground property. The balance of the property will be retained as an athletic and recreation area by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The correspondence dealt with the joint use of this building. Today at the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission it was unanimously voted to allow the Metropolitan District Commission to proceed with all the changescontained in a plan dated August 12, 1964, with the understanding that although the building would have joint usage by the two departments, the construction and all the expenses in connection with the construction would be assumed by the Metropolitan District Commission.

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PUBLIC GARDEN, PLANTING OF TREES UNDER WILL OF MRS. GRACE S. BATCHELDER

The Commissioners were informed that a check for $1,000.00 has been received from the estate of Mrs. Grace S. Batchelder for a memorial--the planting of trees in the Public Garden. Mr. William H. Kerr, Chief Legal Assistant of the Law Department, has been given the check and he will make the necessary arrangements.

A committee consisting of the General Superintendent of Park Maintenance, Arthur A. English, William H. Kerr, Chief Legal Assistant of the Law Department, Mrs. Batchelder, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Grace S. Batchelder, and Dr. Wyman of the Arnold Arboretum visited the Public Garden. The site for the planting of the trees has been selected and this project will be put into effect when the gift is accepted by the City Council.

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BOSTON COMMON GARAGE

Commissioner Devine reported that the Boston Common Garage Authority has very satisfactorily completed the first phase of the laying of the new grass sod on the Boston Common. This has been done at an expense to the Authority of approximately $25,000.00.

The balance of the work, at the present time costing $27,000.00, will be completed when the funds are provided by the bonding company which carries the insurance for the Authority.

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ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

The Commission gave consideration to the sale of a small strip of land requested by Attorney Philip A. Chapman for his clients. Communications from Attorney Chapman indicate that his clients desire this strip of land. They will build a blacktop 20-foot roadway the entire length of the taxable property, will build a sidewalk, and will erect a chain-link fence the length of the property. Also, they will agree to pay any expense for the moving of the baseball backstop and any other necessary changes.

Chief Engineer Byrne reported that the balance of this small strip would in no way interfere with athletic activities on the playground. It was then voted to request the Law Department to make an appraisal of the property. The matter will be discussed at a future Commission meeting.

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VANDALISM

Arthur A. English, General Superintendent of Park Maintenance, presented to each Commissioner a complete report of the vandalism in the Parks and Recreation Department since January 1, 1964. This totals $78,500.00.

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BOSTON ARTS FESTIVAL, PUBLIC GARDEN

Commissioner Devine reported to the Commissioners that the Boston Arts Festival concluded its 1964 season on August 16. He announced that we are in the process of restoring the Public Garden. The entire area used by the Festival must be re-sodded at the expense of the Arts Festival Committee. Commissioner Devine also announced that he was quite confident that this was the last year the Festival would be on the Public Garden.

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MOZART STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN, PLAY AREA

Chief Engineer, Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., reported that the work is progressing according to schedule.

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CHAPTER 573 OF THE ACTS OF 1964 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

The Secretary read Chapter573 of the Acts of 1964 informing the Commission that legislation has been approved allowing the Parks and Recreation Department to convey to the Metropolitan District Commission the William Eustis Playground, Roxbury, for development of all types of athletics during the day and under the floodlights in the evening.

This act cannot take effect unless accepted by the Mayor and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. No action was taken.

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CHAPTER 441 OF THE ACTS OF 1964 of the MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLA

This was for the information of the Commissioners; no action was necessary. The Secretary informed the Commission of the Act allowing the construction of a new athletic indoor plant in Cleveland Circle section of Brighton by the Metropolitan District Commission for the school youth of Greater Boston.

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ALTERATIONS

The Commission confirmed the approval already granted by Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne of the following two locations on Commonwealth Avenue:

384 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

"Repair all damage to floors, walls and roof due to a recent fire. Build new fire escapes at rear . . . Repair elevator shaft. All as shown on plans filed."

5 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Boston Center for Adult Education has filed:
"No change in building construction. Building to conform with State Department of Public Safety requirements as shown on approval drawings. Install fire escape on rear, cut through new exit doors, smoke screens."

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CONTRACTS

The following contracts have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(In the case of the Evergreen Trees in Franklin Park, it was awarded to the second bidder of the six bidding--the first bidder having filed an illegal bid.)

(1) "ASPHALT TENNIS COURTS AT FRANKLIN PARK, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

Warren Bros. Roads Company, 430 Howard Street, Brockton $10,708.5

(2) "REPAIRS TO LOCKER BUILDING, WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

Clifford Construction Company, 355 Main Street, Charlestown $7,782.00

(3) "FURNISHING AND PLANTING EVERGREEN TREES ON FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

Alpine Tree and Landscape Corporation, 60 Hall Avenue, Somerville.....$4,920.00

(4) "TRIMMING OF TREES ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BETWEEN ARLINGTON STREET AND KENMORE SQUARE IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

Pelrine Tree Service, 775 Front Street, Weymouth....$3,485.00

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(5) "REPLACEMENT OF HEATING BOILERS AT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

P. J. Janis Plumbing Company, 10 Brookley Road, Jamaica Plain.....$11,786.00

(6) "REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO BOILER HOUSE AND HEATING SYSTEM AT GREENHOUSES, FRANKLIN PARK SERVICE YARD, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

P. J. Janis Plumbing Company, 10 Brookley Road, Jamaica Plain.....$20,390.00

(7) "PROPOSED PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT AT MOZART STREET, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

John J. Botti Company, 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester..$54,623.00

EXTENSION

"Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees and Stumps in the City of Bosto n, Massachusetts"

Maltby and Company, 30 Old Page Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts, to September 12, 1964.

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BOSTON FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

The Secretary furnished each Commissioner with a copy of the Boston Finance Commission report and the reply of Commissioner Devine covering recreation activities in the department.

Copies of these two reports are on file in the office.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary

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OCTOBER 21, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher was out of town on business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN - NIKE SITE

There was no action by the Commission required at this meeting.

Mr. McDermott will talk with Mr. Heald of the General Services Administration of the Federal Government in an endeavor to have the government turn the area back to the city at no cost, or at least for an amount not to exceed $250.00.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN - WATER TOWER

The Commission voted to allow the City of Woburn, in accordance with the request of Edward F. Gill, Mayor, to erect a water tower for the use of the City of Woburn on the Cummings Estate property.

Arrangements are to be made at a later date for adequate compensation by the City of Woburn to the City of Boston for the land taking.

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WASHINGTON - STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

No action was taken by the Commission at today's meeting on this land containing 0.3 acres which was acquired in 1938 by the Parks and Recreation Department from the School Department.

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department indicated that interest had been expressed by a few individuals for the purchase of the land.

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JOHN J. RYAN, JR. PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN

By a unanimous vote of the Commission, the use of this area was granted to the Electrical Constructors of Columbus, Ohio, to maintain an easement across the playground for a period of two or three months at a fee of $7,302.00 and the furnishing of a bond in the amount of $25,000.00 as a guarantee to restore the playground to the condition existing at the time of the issuance of the permit. Since the Board meeting, the $7,302.00 has been received and deposited by the City Collector.

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ROSLINDALE SQUARE - TRAFFIC PATTERN

On motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted to confirm action taken by previous meetings not to allow any change to be made in the Park at Roslindale Square in connection with the re-routing of traffic.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY - LAND ACQUISITION

On motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted to request the City Council for an appropriation of $17,000.00 for the purchase of land at the entrance of Fairview Cemetery to be acquired for an extension to the cemetery. The matter has been under discussion for the past few years.

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TREES - PUBLIC GARDEN (BATCHELDER WILL)

The Secretary reported that it has now been determined by the committee consisting of Arthur A. English, General Superintendent of Park Maintenance, Dr. Wyman of the Arnold Arboretum, and Mrs. Batchelder of Beverly that the selection of the special trees, mentioned in the Batchelder will, will be made by Dr. Wyman.

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CENTRE-MOZART STREETS, WEST ROXBURY - PLAY AREA

George O'Neil, Assistant Engineer, reported that the work is going ahead according to schedule on this new children's play area.

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KILEY-TOBIN PLAY AREA, SOUTH END

The Secretary informed the Commission that a check in the amount of $101,000.00 has been received from the Boston Redevelopment Authority in payment for these two play areas taken under the Castle Square Development Plan.

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JAMAICA POND - FISH

Commissioner Devine informed the Commission that Jamaica Pond has been thoroughly cleaned. Many tons of so-called "Junk Fish" have been removed, and early in November several thousand trout and bass are to be placed in the pond by the Division of Fisheries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE - WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

There was no action required at this meeting. Mr. McDermott reported that the sale of land to the Edison Company is still pending before the City Council.

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RACHEL REVERE PARK, NORTH END

Commissioner Devine informed the Commission that a letter had gone forward to Commissioner James W. Haley of the Public Works Department requesting that he set up a meeting with Chief Engineer, Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. of the Parks and Recreation Department, to work out a plan for the construction and restoration of North Square and Rachel Revere Park.

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BOSTON COMMON - PUBLIC GARDEN - RESODDING

Commissioner Devine informed the Commission that he is quite pleased with the resodding work done on Boston Common by the Transit Seed Company, under contract with the Boston Common Garage Authority.

Commissioner Devine also stated that plans are being made for the resodding of the entire area used by the Arts Festival on the Public Garden and he expects the contract to be in the vicinity of $16,000.00.

The Commissioner further stated that approximately one-hundred different species of trees had been planted within the area formerly occupied by the Arts Festival.

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NAMING OF LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD (LEE PLAYGROUND) SOUTH BOSTON

On motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted upon the petition of 1,500 residents of the City Point Area, South Boston, to name the Little League field adjacent to Lee Playground in memory of Thomas C. Foley, a youth leader in the South Boston district.

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ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

The sale of a strip of land, discussed at the meeting of August 19, was presented to the meeting today by William A. McDermott of the Law Department. Attorney Chapman offered $2,000.00. An appraisal in the amount of $3,500.00 was submitted by Mr. McDermott.

It was:

"VOTED: That it is the determination of the Commission that a strip of land containing approximately seventy-one hundred (7100) square feet, being a portion of the Roberts Playground, is no longer required for public purposes; and that it is the recommendation of the Commission that said land, together with a right-of-way over a 20-foot strip, as shown on a plan by C. E. Moncrief, Surveyor, dated April 20, 1964, be sold to John Moriarity of Boston and Edmond Nardone of Newton for the sum of thirty-five hundred ($3500) dollars, and upon condition that the purchasers within one year shall construct a road, guard rails, sidewalk, and chain link fence as shown on said plan."

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSION

Mr. Arthur T. Noren, Coordinator between the Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Action for Boston Community Development, informed the Commission of the many meetings that have been held with these agencies and the School Department in the very extensive park and playground program which has been planned or is now in the planning stage.

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CONTRACTS

The following contracts have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting;

10/21/64

(1) "FURNISHING AND ERECTING TENNIS COURT FENCE AT FRANKLIN PARK, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

Boston Chain Link Fence Company, 350 Adams Street, Dorchester.....$2,485.60

(2) "FURNISHING AND PLANTING EVERGREEN TREES ON GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, WEST ROXBURY - HYDE PARK, MASSACHUSETTS"

Blueview Nurseries, Inc., 41 Codman Hill Avenue, Dorchester $4,545.00

(3) "FURNISHING AND ERECTING A CHRISTMAS TREE AT BOSTON COMMON, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS".....$1,350.00

Awarded on Service Order No. 35642 to

The Frost & Higgins Company, 20 Mill Street, Arlington, MAssachusetts.

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EXTENSION

"TRIMMING OF TREES ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BETWEEN ARLINGTON STREET AND KENMORE SQUARE IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,

TO NOVEMBER 3, 1964

Pelrine Tree and Landscape Service, Inc.
R-775 Front Street, Weymouth, Massachusetts

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary

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DECEMBER 16, 1964

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
James P, Sullivan
Absent: Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden who was unable to be present

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

BOSTON COMMON - CONSTRUCTION OF INFORMATION BOOTH

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. stated that he is sorry to report that the cooperation being received from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is not satisfactory. On several occasions both the architect and the chief engineer have talked with Mr. McLernon, General Manager, Mr. McLaughlin, the Counsel, Mr. Myott, Mr. Anderson and others. The plan has been held up now for almost a year and as soon as action is taken by the M.B.T.A. work can start.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

The Commission has been endeavoring to purchase this parcel of land for a long period of time. No action has been taken by the Mayor to present an order on the City Council asking for an appropriation of $17,000.00 from the account, "Sales of City Lands."

Commissioner Devine pointed out the advisability of the immediate purchase of this land; and accordingly, the Commission, in their capacity as Cemetery Trustees of the city, on motion by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Blake, unanimously voted to request of the Law Department their opinion as to the possibility of the Commission purchasing the land from cemetery funds.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The sale of approximately 18,793 square feet of land nolonger required for public purposes was approved by the City Council on November 9 - 23 and by the Mayor on November 24 for an amount of $6,500.00, in accordance with the recent vote of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Law Department will now proceed to draw the proper deed for the sale of this property to the Boston Edison Company.

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GOOD WILL HOUSE, EAST BOSTON - ADDITIONAL GYMNASIUM BUILDING

The responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department to assume maintenance of a building owned by the Good Will House and the immediate auxiliary building, as contained in an agreement signed on November 15, 1963, was tabled until such time as a reply is received from the Law Department covering the communication of December 2, 1964.

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12/16/64

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENTS - WASHINGTON PARK

Secretary acquainted Commissioners with the details of many recent meetings with Boston Redevelopment Authority officials. Meetings were held amost weekly with Boston Redevelopment Authority and School Department officials.

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PROPOSED BOYS' CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

Commissioner Devine informed the Commission that Columbus Park would be an ideal site, but public office holders have protested. Only fifteen acres would be used for the school and the balance of forty plus acres would be developed into many modern athletic facilities at the cost of the School Department. A bill is to be filed in the legislature.

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JAMAICA POND, JAMAICA PLAIN

Commissioner Devine reported that Jamaica Pond has been entirely restocked by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts officials with bass and trout and that Mayor Collins and he were present on the day that the pond was restocked.

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NEW LIGHTING ON BOSTON COMMON

Secretary read to the Commission the communication to James W. Haley, Commissioner of Public Works, of November 23 setting forth in detail the cost of the installation of the new lights on Boston Common thus far and the additional amount necessary to complete the project. The whole total will amount to $103,000.00. There has been some question by Commissioner Haley as to the amount allotted and expended.

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PROPOSED ILLUMINATED FOUNTAIN, BOSTON COMMON

The Secretary read to the Commission a letter from Nelson W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Boston Art Commission, indicating that the Art Commission voted at the last meeting to approve the design of the proposed fountain on Tremont Street with the provision that any required illumination of the fountain be limited to white light.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, on motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, voted to proceed to make arrangements for the illumination of the fountain by a series of colored lights.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN - RIGHT OF ENTRANCE, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Mr. Whalen, Boston Attorney, at the invitation of Mr. McDermott of the Law Department was to appear at today's meeting concerning the easement across the Cummings Estate to the new campus of Northeastern University in Burlington - Woburn. As Mr. Whalen failed to appear at the meeting, the matter was laid on the table.

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BOSTON FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT - CENTRALIZED MAINTENANCE

The Secretary read to the Commission a summarization of the plans of the Boston Finance Commission to establish a bureau of centralized maintenance of all public buildings. This division would be placed within the Administrative Services Department and is covered in a report of the Finance Commission dated November 27, 1964.

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1965 BUDGET

The Commissioner and Secretary briefly summarized the requests in the 1965 budget for the members of the Commission.

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CHANGES ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. submitted to the Commission changes on Commonwealth Avenue, as follows:

74 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy from 10 to 14 apartments

"Raise roof and install four additional apartments on two additional floors"

177 Commonwealth Avenue - Change of occupancy
"From single family house to 12 apartments"

On motion of Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Meagher, it was unanimously voted to hold up approval of these requests until such time as Commissioner Blake and Chief Engineer Byrne had the opportunity to visit the premises.

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CONTRACTS

The following contract has been awarded to the Low Bidder since the last meeting:

"Furnishing and Laying Sod at the Public Garden, Boston, Mass."

Transit Seeding, Inc., 899 South Main Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts.....$14,800.00

EXTENSIONS

(1) "Asphalt Surfacing of Tennis Courts at Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"

Warren Brothers Roads Company, 430 Howard Street, Brockton, Massachusetts.....to MAY 1, 1965

(2) "Proposed Play Area Development at Mozart Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts"

John J. Botti Company, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.....to MAY 1, 1965

(3) "Play Area Improvements at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury, Massachusetts"

Warren Brothers Roads Company, 430 Howard Street, Brockton, Massachusetts.....to MAY 1, 1965

(4) "Laying Water Pipe, Grading and Asphalt Surfacing at Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"

John J. Botti Company, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.....to NOVEMBER 20, 1964

(5) "Repairs to Locker Building at William E. Carter Playground, Roxbury, Massachusetts"

Clifford Construction Company, 335 Main Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts.....to DECEMBER 1, 1964

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(6) "Repairs and Alterations to Boiler House and Heating System at Greenhouses, Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury, Massachusetts"

P. J. Janis Plumbing & Heating Company, 10 Brookley Road, Jamaica Plain.....to JANUARY 31, 1965

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Secretary

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FEBRUARY 4, 1965

J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND - FELLOWS AND HUNNEMAN STREETS, ROXBURY

At a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Thursday, February 4, 1965, at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted that:

"The J. J. Sullivan Playground at Fellows and Hunneman Streets, Roxbury, containing approximately 37,000 square feet, is no longer required for public purposes, and further, that the Commissioner be directed to notify the Mayor and the Council of this vote."

TRUE COPY

ATTEST:

ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FEBRUARY 4, 1965

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
James P. Sullivan
Absent: Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden because of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND - FELLOWS AND HUNNEMAN STREETS, ROXBURY

The Commission considered the request of the Green Shoe Company to purchase the area known as the J. J. Sullivan Playground at Fellows and Hunneman Streets, Roxbury, containing approximately 37,000 square feet of land. They have made an offer for the land in the amount of $18,500.00.

The disposal of this land has been before the Commission on many occasions in recent years. It is not used for playground purposes, but the Commission has been informed that part of the area will be taken for the so-called Southwest Expressway.

The Green Shoe Company is interested in purchasing the entire area for the construction of an additional building for parking and they have agreed that, in the event the land is taken later by the Commonwealth, they will sell it to the Commonwealth at the same price that they paid the City of Boston.

It was unanimously voted by the Commission that the land was no longer needed for public purposes and that, therefore, a request be made upon the Corporation Counsel to have an appraisal made.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The Secretary read to the Commission a list of those who have expressed an interest in the purchase of this land. This matter has been before the Commission on many occasions.

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department reported that the deed for the purchase of a small portion of the land by the Boston Edison Company has been completed and steps now can be taken by the Commission to dispose of the land which has been appraised at $200,000.00.

At the request of the Commissioners, Commissioner Devine is to call on his Honor, Mayor John F. Collins, concerning this property.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department reported that Henry A. Brennan, Supervisor of Budgets for the City, will immediately take steps to file an order with the City Council on Monday, February 8, for funds to purchase this property.

2/4/65

By a unanimous vote of the Commission, it was voted to reserve a section of Fairview Cemetery for the ultimate purchase of 300 graves by the Church Society of St. John of Damascus. It was understood by the Board that the down-payment would be on 100 graves with perpetual care with the purchase of additional graves to be made as the Society determines.

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ALSEN PLAYGROUND, VICTORY ROAD, DORCHESTER

The Sturtevant Mill Company of Dorchester has requested the opportunity of purchasing a portion of this playground which has not been used for several years. In recent years half of it was taken for a new Armory for the National Guard of the Commonwealth.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that the land should be placed in the tax structure of the City. Several years ago a request was made to have this land turned over to the Real Property Department for proper disposal and this request is still pending in the Land Committee of the City Council. Acccordingly, it was unanimously voted by the Commission to write to the Corporation Counsel of the City and ask him to reactivate the matter with the City Council.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE- BURLINGTON, WOBURN

The Commission had called to its attention by the Secretary the article appearing in the Boston Globe on December 30, 1964, stating that the Town of Burlington was to take by eminent domain one-hundred acres of the Cummings Estate property--sixty acres for cemetery and the balance for park purposes.

Mr. McDermott reported that the Town has already filed with the Register of Deeds for the taking, but the Boston Parks and Recreation Department has not been notified.

On a motion by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Blake, the Commission unanimously voted to write to the Corporation Counsel and ask him to take the necessary steps to protect the lega rights of the City.

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ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

Mr. William A. McDermott reported that the deed is ready and he is getting a payment of $3,500.00 for the balance of a strip of land of this playground. This was previously approved by the Commission and approved by the City Council and the Mayor on December 31, 1964, and January 4 and January 6, 1965.

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WASHINGTON-STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

Mr. McDermott stated that the matter of the purchase of this area by the Mt. Pleasant Council, Knights of Columbus, cannot be considered by the Commission until the sale has passed the legislature.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS

The Secretary briefly reported to the Commissioners on the meetings with the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

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2/4/65

COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON

The Secretary read to the Commission the notice from the Public Improvement Commission, as follows:

"This is to notify you of the filing on 12/30/64 with the Register of Deeds for Suffolk County of an Order approved by this Commission and Mayor for the making of the following public improvements:

the widening, relocation, and construction of DARTMOUTH STREET, Boston Proper District, from St. James Avenue to Boylston Street;

the discontinuance of portions of HUNTINGTON AVENUE, Boston Proper District, as a public highway, from Boylston Street to Dartmouth Street;

the widening, relocation and construction of ST. JAMES AVENUE, Boston Proper District, from a point approximately 40 feet east of Trinity Place to Dartmouth Street;

and the filing on 1/4/65 of an Order for the widening, relocation, laying out, extension, and construction of TRINITY PLACE, Boston Proper District, from Boylston Street to St. James Avenue."

Mr. McDermott reported that no action was required by the Commission.

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NEW ZONING LAW

The new zoning law was presented to the Commission. It is very extensive and Mr. McDermott reported that there is nothing in particular requiring the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission. It is a lengthy document which will be kept on file in the Engineers Office for any inquiry.

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MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Commissioner Devine reported that plans have been completed for the Parks and Recreation Department booth at the opening of the Municipal Auditorium on February 21. Special programs are being printed and the Parks and Recreation Department is further charged with the decoration of the lobby.

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BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE - FILED BY THE MAYOR

The Secretary read to the Commissioners the bills filed with the present legislature by Mayor John F. Collins which involve the Parks and Recreation Department.

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CONTRACT

The following contract has been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

"Replacement of Doors and Miscellaneous Repairs at L Street Bathhouse, South Boston, Massachusetts"

John J. Botti Company, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.....$14,973.00

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CHANGES IN COMMONWEALTH AVENUE 2/4/65

The changes listed below have been approved by Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne because they were more or less minor in character:

177 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"Change of Occupancy from single family house to 12 apartments

464-466 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"Change of Occupancy from apartment hotel to apartment exclusively from the second floor to the seventh floor."

413-415 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

Alterations - "Close in light wall - on each floor - as per pl

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Secretary

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MARCH 31, 1965

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

SOUTH COVE AREA

The Secretary read to the Commission the letter to be sent to Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, setting forth five points indicating the Authority's plan for the South Cove area to be taken for park and playground purposes and the amounts of money to be expended.

On motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, it was unanimously voted to forward the letter to Mr. Logue, a copy of which is in the Boston Redevelopment Authority file.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

The Commission was informed that the City Council, under the dates of March 1 and March 15, 1965, unanimously approved the appropriation of a sum of $30,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department for the acquisition of additional land for Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

This order was approved by the Mayor on March 22, 1965. The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City is making arrangements to acquire land within the amount of the appropriation allowed.

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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, HYDE PARK

Commissioner William J. Devine reported to the Commission that, in accordance with meetings held and correspondence with the Church Society of St. John of Damascus, arrangements are being made to sell to the Church Society one hundred graves with perpetual care for $17,500.00.

Three hundred graves are being reserved for the Church Society in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park; the other two hundred are to be purchased at a later date.

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JOHN J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY

Mr. McDermott reported that the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth is to take a part of this playground for the Southwest Expressway. Arrangements will be made to sell the remaining por tion of the playground (under the control of the City) to the Green Shoe Company.

An order on file in the City Council--approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission--has been given one hearing and will be given a second hearing.

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3/31/65

FRANKLIN SCHOOL SITE, WALTHAM AND RINGGOLD STREETS, SOUTH END

This land, by a unanimous vote of the School Department, has been turned over to the Parks and Recreation Department. Upon the approval of the transfer by the City Council, it is planned to develop a play area with modern equipment, basketball standards, etc on the site of the former Franklin School.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Secretary acquainted the Commissioners with major items which have developed with the Boston Redevelopment Authority since the last meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(1) Meeting -- February 19, 1965

Attended by Park Commissioner, Executive Secretary, Superintendent of Schools, Chief Engineer of the School Department, and four officials of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The discussion centered around the new schools to be erected in the next three to six years--all the schools to have playground facilities adjacent to the schools.

It is hoped to have all the demolition of the old schools completed by the end of 1967.

In the Washington Park area a new school will be constructed to replace the Abby May School, and a new school will be built in the Dearborn district of Roxbury. Both schools will have playgrounds adjacent to them.

(2) Meeting -- March 9, 1965

A report was made of the scheduled tree planting in the Washington Park area of Roxbury.

(3) Meeting -- March 25, 1965

Schedules were presented to the Board indicating tree plans for the Academy home area in Roxbury.

(4) Boston Redevelopment Authority has allotted $137,110.00 to the Parks and Recreation Department for work to be done, tree planting, etc., in the new City Hall Plaza.

(5) The sum of $305,680.00 has been allowed for park and playground development on the waterfront.

(6) the Commissioners reviewed the Boston Redevelopment Authority plans for Charlestown as contained in the recent brochure issued indicating new parks and playgrounds for this section of the city.

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FAWNDALE ROAD, ROSLINDALE -- HEALY PLAYGROUND

Mr. Frederick L. Garvin, Engineer of the Public Works Department, with an assistant appeared before the Commissioners requesting that the Public Works Department be allowed to lay out and extend a road through an area of Healy Playground so as to eliminate three dead-end streets in this area and allow the construction of a new apartment complex.

It was brought out that this street would eliminate that section of the Healy Playground now confined to the small tots.

The fieldhouse divides the larger playground for the youth and adults. The Commissioners were of the firm opinion that they could not eliminate this section devoted to the tots.

However, it was agreed that the Commissioner would visit the site in company with Public Works Commissioner James W. Haley.

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VICTORY ROAD, DORCHESTER -- ALSEN PLAYGROUND

Mr. McDermott reported that there are no further developments at this time until such date as the City Council transfers this property back to the Real Property Department.

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BOSTON COMMON GARAGE

The Secretary read the letter to the Commission to the effect that the Massachusetts Parking Authority has the power to extend the Boston Common Garage under the playground to Park Square without further consent of the city. This may not happen for two or three years.

In the meantime it was the opinion of the Commission that we should proceed to develop the Common playground, and further to install new tennis courts adjacent to the playground on the grassed area facing the center entrance to the Common on Charles Street.

It was the opinion of the Commissioners that we would be in a position to have an agreement with the Authority to restore any damage which they might do if the Parks and Recreation Department proceeded with construction of these new facilities.

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BOSTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Commissioner Devine reported to the Commission that no definite location has been selected for the Arts Festival for 1965. He did state that he met with Mr. Nelson Aldrich and other officials of the Arts Festival Committee and they had selected a preliminary site on Boston Common for the Festival. No further report had been received at the time of this meeting.

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FRANKLIN PARK SITE FOR CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

The Commission discussed the pending legislation in the Massachusetts Legislature in the House authorizing the City of Boston School Department to use for school purposes lands constituting a part of Franklin Park. The Secretary read the legislative bill to the Commission which is an exact duplicate of the same bill filed back in 1957 when the School Department tried to acquire this area at that time.

On motion by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted by the Commission that they are not in favor of the pending state legislation which would turn over to the Boston School Department this area.

3/31/65

The following statement was issued by William J. Devine, upon instruction of the Commission:

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL SITE

"As a result of the unanimous vote of the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission at a meeting of the Commission at 33 Beacon Street, Boston, held on Wednesday, March 31, 1965, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, William J. Devine stated:

We are opposed to pending state legislation which would make available our priceless recreation space at Franklin Park to the Boston School Department as a site for the construction of the new English High School.

A fine, new English High School on an adequate and accessible site is greatly to be desired, but not at the expense of park land which belongs to all the people and which never can be recovered once it is taken, Devine said.

Ten years ago, it was the consensus of responsible editorials in the Boston press that important and irreplaceable park land should not be taken for schools, highways, or any other purpose which would remove it from the green space needed by our city dwellers for rest and recreation. We are grateful to say that this same view is now being repeated editorially in the Boston press, which again takes strong objection to the loss of Franklin Park land for a new high school, the Park Commissioner recalled.

Where Franklin Park is concerned, we are not inclined to turn over what President Johnson had called 'our green legacy' to school construction while other sites are available elsewhere in our city, Commissioner Devine concluded."

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COPLEY SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Devine reported to the Commission that he has had a first conference with Mr. Charles Hilgenhurst of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (representing Mr. Edward J. Logue) indicating that the Parks and Recreation Commissioner is numbered among other prominent citizens who have been selected to hold an open contest among architects and designers throughout the country for presenting plans for the future development of Copley Square.

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PATRICK A. COLLINS STATUE -- NEW SITE

The Commission was informed that the Patrick A. Collins Statue, now at the junction of Charlesgate West and Commonwealth Avenue, will be moved by the Metropolitan District Commission at their expense to a new location on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall near Massachusetts Avenue just outside the entrance and exit of the underpass. This statue is now in the area where the Metropolitan District Commission is constructing a new bridge and overpass from the Fenway to Storrow Drive.

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PARKMAN FUND INCOME

The Commissioners were acquainted with the contemplated improvements on Boston Common and Franklin Park totaling $200,000. which will be spent from the Parkman Fund upon receipt of the approval of the City Council and the Mayor.

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HR BILL 5607 89th CONGRESS HISTORIC SITES

The Secretary informed the Commission of Congressional Bill HR5607 of the 89th Congress filed by Congressman Thomas O'Neill of Massachusetts.

Under the terms of this bill, historic sites in Boston, among them Dorchester Heights, under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department would be donated by the city or state, depending upon the location of the memorial, to the Federal Government, Department of the Interior. They would be accepted as national historic sites and would become the property of the Federal Government which would assume all expenses for maintenance and repair.

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CONTRACT

The following contract has been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

"Constructing A Sanitary Building at the Mozart Street Play Area, Roxbury"
Clifford Construction Company, 355 Main Street, Charlestown..$17,933.00

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Secretary

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MAY 27, 1965

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
James P. Sullivan
Absent: Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden who was unable to be present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

CHESTNUT HILL

The request of the Boston Gas Company for permission to install approximately 1,200 feet of gas main in St. Thomas More Road, Brighton, was laid on the table until a future meeting following the report of Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr.

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J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY

The Secretary read to the Commission the City Council order, approved on April 5 and May 3, and approved by the Mayor on May 5, covering the sale of 21,759 square feet of land at Fellows Street, Roxbury, to the Green Shoe Company of 960 Harrison Avenue.

The sale price was $33,100.00. The Green Shoe Company is to construct on this site a building costing approximately $2,000.000. Mr. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, reported that a deed has been prepared and will be executed promptly.

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ALSEN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

At the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held today at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted that 8,230 square feet of land located between Park Street and Christopher Street in the Dorchester district is no longer required for public purposes. This area is part of the Alsen Playground--no longer used for playground purposes.

Mr. McDermott reported that he will prepare an order on the City Council for the sale of this land to the Sturtevant Mill Company whose mill is adjacent to this property.

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WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

It was unanimously voted by the Commission to write to the Law Department and request that an appraisal be made of this land. It was also voted that when the appraisal is made, the Commission will give consideration to Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1965, approved by the Governor on April 20, 1965 which would allow the Mt. Pleasant Building Association to buy the 13,500 square feet of land at the above site for the erection of a new building.

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL SITE, WALTHAM AND RINGGOLD STREETS, SOUTH END

The Secretary informed the Commission of the City Council order, approved May 10 by the Council and May 14 by the Mayor,

transferring 16,439 square feet of land at the above location from the School Committee to the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Arthur T. Noren, Coordinator of Action for Boston Community Development, reported that Urban Renewal is planning a $50,000.00 master plan for this area.

The School Committee had approved this transfer prior to this. This department plans tne immediate construction of a small play area on this site.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, BURLINGTON

The Commissioners were informed of an article appearing in the Boston Globe that the Town of Burlington was planning to take a section of the Cummings Estate for a town cemetery, and that a communication had been sent to Arthur G. Coffey, Corporation Counsel, requesting that adequate steps be taken by his department to protect the rights of the City of Boston in this matter.

The Secretary read a letter dated May 14 addressed to Henry G. Wendler of the School Department indicating that the Town of Burlington planned to take this land.

At the suggestion of Mr. McDermott, the matter was laid on the table. He informed the Commissioners that he doubted the right of the Town of Burlington to take this action.

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GOODWILL HOUSE, EAST BOSTON

It was unanimously voted by the Commission to ratify the action of Commissioner Devine and approve the amendment of November 15, 1963, regarding the services to be furnished by the Parks and Recreation Department in connection with the operation of the above premises owned by the East Boston Social Centers, Inc.

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DOVER STREET BATHHOUSE

The Commission granted unanimous approval for a temporary lease to the trustees of Boston University to operate a rehabilitation center for alcoholics in the Dover Street Bath House.

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APPLICATION OF PETER FILIPOLOUS

Following the report of the Chief Engineer, it was voted by the Commission to refuse the request to erect a sign for business purposes on 360 Commonwealth Avenue.

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NEW INFORMATION BOOTH, BOSTON COMMON

Chief Engineer Byrne reported that it is hoped to advertise for the Information Booth in the next month.

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VETERANS' PRIVILEGES IN CEMETERIES

The Secretary reported to the Commission that action should be taken by the members of the Commission as Cemetery Trustees of the City of Boston concerning those members of the Armed Forces of the United States killed in San Domingo or Viet Nam who are residents of the City of Boston.

The Board voted to grant the same privilege to any veteran killed in either of the above-named locations whose body is repatriated to the United States as was granted to veterans of World War I; World War II, and the Korean Conflict.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Secretary briefly reported to the Commission on meetings with the Boston Redevelopment Authority since the last meeting covering the following projects: Washington Park, South End, South Cove, Waterfront, and Government Center.

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ARTS FESTIVAL

Commissioner Devine reported that as of the present there is no indication that an Arts Festival will be held in Boston during 1965.

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COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Secretary briefly reported to the Commission the plans to erect two high-rise apartment houses at the entrance of Commonwealth Avenue facing the Public Garden. Chief Engineer Byrne reported that these buildings would come under the Park Frontage Law.

All the information furnished was only the preliminary articles appearing in the press which are not substantial to any degree.

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NEW CAMPUS-TYPE HIGH SCHOOL

The Commissioners discussed briefly recent publicity in the papers where the Boston Redevelopment Authority had recommended that either Madison Park or a location opposite the Arnold Arboretum owned by Harvard University be used for a site of a new campus high school.

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IRVING ADAMS PARK, ROSLINDALE SQUARE

Thomas F. Carty, Commissioner of Traffic, and Joseph M. Galeota, Chief Engineer, were present and talked at length with the Commissioners concerning the proposed traffic changes at Irving Adams Park, Roslindale Square.

After these gentlemen left the meeting and after considerable discussion by the Commission, it was unanimously voted to allow a small area of each corner to be taken for traffic circle purposes, the area to be confined to one tree at each end. It was strictly understood that the area must not exceed that indicated on the plans.

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COPLEY SQUARE

Commissioner Devine stated that the department has been informed that plans are contemplated by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to conduct an open competition for architects and landscape engineers covering the redesign of Copley Square. At the present time there is no indication from what source the prize money will be furnished.

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM

Commission Devine informed the Commission that the Arnold Arboretum has now been officially set aside by the Federal Government, Department of the Interior, as a National historic landmark.

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The following contracts have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

"Proposed Improvements at John H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston"

D. Cicconi, Inc., 21 Shannon Street, Brighton, Mass.....$38,823.7

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"Reconstructing Tennis and Basketball Courts at Rogers Park, Bright

Warren Bros. Roads Co., 430 Howard Street, Brockton, Mass.$11,024.

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"Painting Concrete Pool at Frog Pond, Boston Common, Boston"

R. Tweed & Son, 249 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass.$2,100.0

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"Asphalt Surfacing of Roadways at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Roxbury"

Essex Bituminous Corporation, Russell Street, Peabody....$17,672.50

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"Developing Burial Areas at Parks and Recreation Department Cemeteries, Boston"

DeRoma Bros., 35 Grew Avenue, Roslindale, Mass.....$28,726.75

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"Furnishing and Planting Trees on Streets and Parkways in Boston"

Blueview Nurseries, Inc., 41 Codman Hill Avenue, Dorchester.$19,000

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"Repairing and Painting Concrete Pools at North End Playground, Boston"

Webster Construction Company, Inc., 1063 Tremont Street, Boston. $6,975.0

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"Proposed Play Area at Ringgold and Hanson Streets, Boston"

John J. Botti Co., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester.....$7,790.00

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"Reconstructing Tennis Courts at Fallon Field, West Roxbury"

M. J Kelly Co., Inc., 70 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain..$5,748.50

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Secretary

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AUGUST 31, 1965

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake and O. Phillip Snowden
Absent: Associate Commissioners Frederick A. Meagher and James P. Sullivan who were on vacations.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER FREDERICK A MEAGHER

The Secretary read the notice from the City Clerk of the re-appointment of Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher for the term ending May 1, 1969.

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CITY COUNCIL ORDER - SALE OF LAND TO THE STURTEVANT MILL COMPANY

The Secretary informed the Commission of the City Council order (approved by the Council on June 28 and July 12 and by the Mayor on July 15) of the sale of 8,234 square feet of land situated between Park Street and Christopher Street in the Dorchester district, to the Sturtevant Mill Company for the sum of $2,100.00.

At the meeting of the Commission on May 27, it was unanimously voted to sell this land to the Sturtevant Mill Company as it was no longer required for park or other municipal purposes. That company will build an addition to their existing plant and the new building will become taxable.

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HOWARD AVENUE, ROXBURY - DENISON HOUSE SITE

The Chairman of the Board informed the other Commissioners of an order approved on July 12 by the City Council and on July 15 by the Mayor transferring two parcels of property adjacent to the Denison House in Roxbury to the Parks and Recreation Department.

These properties--one on the northeasterly side of Woodcliff Street and the other on the northwesterly side of Howard Avenue, containing 1,364 square feet and 2,611 square feet--have been developed as a play area site for small tots.

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GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK

Upon report of Commissioner William J. Devine, the Commissioners unanimously voted to acquire 308,490 square feet of property adjacent to the George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park. The property is as follows:

"A rectangular parcel of land adjacent to the George Wright Golf Course, northwest of the 6th Fairway, purchased by the City in 1949, containing 308,490 square feet, more or less. Shown in the 1924 Bromley Atlas of West Roxbury on plate 26 under previous title of William F. Crafts et al, and more fully described and bounded in Suffolk Registry Book No. 6562, page 115, and as shown on a plan drawn by Frank A. Foster, L. E., dated January 1, 1899, entered in Suffolk Registry Book No. 3270, page 201."

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9/31/65

VICTORY ROAD--SOUTHEAST EXPRESSWAY--NEPONSET RIVER

The Secretary read to the Commissioners a letter forwarded to James J. Sullivan, Commissioner of Real Property, from Commissioner William J. Devine requesting that the Real Property Department transfer to the Parks and Recreation Department a certain parcel of property located in Ward 16 near the Southeast Expressway and the Neponset River, known as parcel 2592-2.

Since the writing of the letter on August 6, Commissioner Devine informed the other Commissioners that the piece of land has been sold.

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BEETHOVEN SCHOOL SITE, WEST ROXBURY

The Commissioners unanimously voted to acquire land adjacent to this school site under the control of the Fire and Real Property Departments and that a letter be forwarded to the Corporation Counsel to start action in the City Council for the acquisition of this property.
Parks and Recreation
The/Department has an apprpriation of $50,000.00 in the Capital Improvement Program for the development of a play area on this site.

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COLUMBIA POINT, SOUTH BOSTON --ACQUISITION OF PLAYGROUND SITE

Commissioner Devine informed the other members of the Commission of the request of the Boston Housing Authority to deed to the Parks and Recreation Commission approximately nine (9) acres of cleared land in the Columbia Point Housing Project site in South Boston. Approximately four and one-half (4½) acres of the land is a developed playground.

Upon recommendation of Commissioner Devine, the Commissioners unanimously voted to acquire these nine acres for development as a Parks and Recreation Department playground.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The Commissioners discussed the sale of this land which has been before the Commission on several occasions since 1954. Upon unanimous votes of the Commission, two votes were adopted and were forwarded to the Corporation Counsel, as follows:

August 31, 1965

"At a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held today at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted that 376,150 square feet of land located at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Wallingford Road in the Brighton district (the rear of 138 Chestnut Hill Avenue and next to 24 Wallingford Road) is no longer required for public purposes."

August 31, 1965

"At a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held today at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted to sell for the sum of $175,000.00 to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, 72 Franklin Street, Boston, the land located at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Wallingford Road in the Brighton district (the rear of 138 Chestnut Hill Avenue and next to 24 Wallingfo rd Road) -- 376,150 square feet."

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WALNUT AVENUE TOT-LOT, ROXBURY

The Commissioner informed the members of the Commission, that deeds have been executed and signed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Council, and the Mayor transferring the tot-lot developed by the Redevelopment Authority at this location to the care, custody, and control of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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COPLEY SQUARE COMPETITION

Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne informed the Commissioners of the contemplated plans for the development of Copley Square. Under special legislation recently signed by President Johnson, if approved, the Federal Government would pay 90% of the cost of construction; with arrangements by His Honor the Mayor, the additional 10% will be paid for by businessmen of the area. The Secretary furnished each Commissioner with a folder containing special information on this development.

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AGASSIZ AND ABBEY MAY SCHOOLS - REPLACEMENT OF

The Secretary informed the Commissioners of the receipt of lengthy reports concerning the construction of the Agassiz and Abbey May Schools in the Roxbury district. Playgrounds will be constructed for the Parks and Recreation Department, adjacent to the schools, under plans established by the Boston Redevelopment Authority. It is expected that both schools will be constructed within a two-year period.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -- (INFORMATION)

The Secretary acquainted the Commission with all information occurring since the last meeting concerning Boston Redevelopment Authority reports as they pertain to the Parks and Recreation Department.

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WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

Mr. Moore of the Law Department informed the Commissioners that the land had been appraised for $9,750.00. We will now await the decision and offer to be made by the party interested in this land.

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COMMONWEALTH AVENUE (NATIONAL HOUSING ACT OF 1965)

Secretary read a letter addressed to William L. Slayton, Commissioner of the Urban Renewal Administration, Washington, signed by Commissioner Devine asking for the same consideration for the development of Commonwealth Avenue as was asked for the development of Copley Square.

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CHAPTER 524 of the ACTS of 1965

The Secretary informed the Commission that the skating rink being constructed by the Metropolitan District Commission at Willow Pond Road, Jamaicaway, is to be named for Sergeant Peter J. Kelly, under Chapter 524 of the Acts of 1965, approved June 3, 1965.

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PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING: BOSTON COMMON
CENTRE AND MOZART STREETS, JAMA
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Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne spoke at great length and informed the Commissioners of the progress being made in the development of the following locations:

Boston Common

A. New ball field, lighting, tennis courts, etc.
B. Fountain at West Street
C. Information Booth at West Street

Centre and Mozart Streets, Jamaica Plain

A. New playground opened since last meeting

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SUMMER PROGRAM

A very complete report was given to the Commission by Patrick J. Ryan, Director of Recreation, and Arthur T. Noren, Action for Boston Community Development Coordinator, concerning our summer program under our regular staff, and also the out-of-school and in-school employees, National Youth Training Program, etc.

On motion by Commissioner Blake, it was spread upon the record that these two gentlemen receive the commendation of the Commission for the fine reports given.

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#74 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE - WARD 5

Chief Engineer Byrne presented plans to the Commissioners of the following alteration:

"Change of occupancy from ten apartments to twelve apartments."

This was laid on the table.

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The following CONTRACTS have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "Proposed Playground at Walnut Avenue and Crawford Street, Roxbu
Warren Brothers Roads Co., 430 Howard St., Brockton. $67,900.

(2) "Repairs to Greenhouse Plant at Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbu
Martin J. Kelly Co., Inc., 75 Stedman St., Jamaica Plain. $16

(3) "Repairs and Alterations to Administration Building at Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury, Mass."
Clifford Construction Co., 335 Main St., Charlestown. $7,636.

(4) "Removal and Disposal of Dead or Diseased Trees in The City of Boston,"
Maltby & Co., 30 Old Page Street, Stoughton. $17,380.

(5) "Furnishing and Planting Trees on Public Ways in Roxbury, Mass."
Alpine Tree and Landscape Corp., 60 Hall Ave., Somerville. $13,

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Secretary

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DECEMBER 8, 1965

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
James P. Sullivan
Absent: Associate Commissioner O. Phillip Snowden who was ill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

BURLINGTON - PARK DEPARTMENT LAND

Dr. Asa Knowles, President of Northeastern University, Professors Baird and Parsons, and Mr. Whalom, Attorney for Northeastern, were present at the meeting. President Knowles, speaking for Northeastern, stated that the campus in Burlington has developed to such an extent that they will require much additional land. Presently they are interested in a small connecting link of land between the Parks and Recreation Department property and their property. The University is interested in acquiring it for further parking and also to tie in with a new $1,000,000.00 building.

Dr. Knowles pointed out that Northeastern purchased land in this area for the development of a graduate school at the behest of many of the businesses located on route 128. Currently, there are several hundred day students and 5,400 students in the evening. In addition, there are 700 engineers and scientists studying from business firms in the area whose tuition is paid for by the business. Further, they have 700 women studying in the evening, most of them married who are continuing their education, at a time when they are free from their families.

As a result of Dr. Knowles' presentation, it was voted by the Commission that Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., or some member of his staff, would visit the area and report to the Commissioners their recommendations at the next meeting.

B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON

The Secretary reported that there have been several inquiries in recent years regarding the purchase of this land which the Commission has determined is no longer needed for park or playground purposes.

There are in the file two letters from persons who have definitely expressed an interest in purchasing this area and placing thereon a building that would be subject to real estate taxes. It was unanimously voted by the Commission to write to the City of Boston Law Department to have an appraisal made and to notify the two parties who are interested.

KENMORE SQUARE

Commissioner Devine presented to the Commission a proposal for improvements in the Kenmore Square area in the vicinity of Charlesgate West. This area in front of the Braemore and Kenmore Hotels would be developed if the Parks and Recreation Department receives the $250,000.00 in funds requested under President Johnson's Urban Beautification Program.

The Commissioners were much impressed with the plans for the area and requested copies of drawings and plans which the Secretary will obtain from Mr. Cutler of the Back Bay Association.

12/8/65

COLUMBIA POINT, SOUTH BOSTON

Commissioner Devine reported that as of the present the planned acquisition of nine acres of land at Columbia Point for playground purposes is to be held in abeyance because the Boston Redevelopment Authority in their plans for the South Boston area would include a shore road which would go through this property.

PATRICK A.COLLINS STATUE

The Commissioners were informed that the new location for the Patrick A. Collins Statue will be in the center Mall of Commonwealth Avenue between Clarendon and Dartmouth Streets. It will be removed from its present location at Charlesgate West and Commonwealth Avenue to make way for the new overpass and landscaping at Storrow Drive.

MUDDY RIVER, BACK BAY

The Secretary and Chief Engineer informed the Commissioners that a special bill has been filed in the 1966 legislature by the Law Department on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department for the excavating and clearing of the area, riprapping the banks, planting, etc. to be paid for by the Metropolitan District Commission. It was called to the Commissioners' attention that the Boston side of the river should be rehabilitated in the same manner as the Brookline side, recently completed by the Metropolitan District Commission.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

The acquisition of land at the entrance of Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park--73,527 square feet more or less acquired by the Public Improvement Commission of the City from Paul and Ida Sergi--was made upon the recommendation of the Public Improvement Commission. The sum of $20,000.00 has been paid for this land from an appropriation earmarked for this purpose in the Cemetery Division budget o the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Devine reported to the Commissioners that when further funds are available, it is planned to develop this area and to make a new attractive landscaped entrance into the cemetery

FOREST HILLS STREET WIDENING

Consideration was given to the request of the Public Works Department for the proposed widening of Forest Hills Street which was contained in a plan submitted under the date of October 26, 1965. I t was voted by the Commission to invite Commissioner John F. Flaherty or a member of his engineering staff designated by him to the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation so that the Commissioners might be fully aware of the plans of the Public Works Department.

CENTRE STREET-QUINN WAY, WEST ROXBURY

It was unanimously voted by the Commission that the property consisting of 1,282 square feet be divided equally between the two abutters of the property and to be sold to them if they are interested, at an appraisal price set by the City of Boston Law Department.

DORCHESTER PARK, DORCHESTER

The Commissioners were informed that in recent days publicity has appeared in the press stating that the Carney Hospital is interested in obtaining nine acres of Dorchester Park for an addition to the hospital, and also that special legislation would be filed by Senator George Kenneally for this purpose. The matter is not officially before the Board today as there has been no request in writing from anyone and no plans have been submitted.

12/8/65

SALE OF LAND, MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, DORCHESTER

The Commission confirmed the action of October 26 in allowing the Metropolitan District Commission to sell 910 square feet of land located on Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, to the J. H. Westerbeke Corporation in accordance with the plan dated September 9, 1965, and signed by Benjamin W. Fink, Director of Park Engineering for the Metropolitan District Commission.

FENWAY TRAFFIC PLAN

The communication and plan addressed to Commissioner William J. Devine under the date of November 26, 1965, from W. R. McGrath, Transportation Coordinator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, was presented to the Commission. The matter concerns proposed improvements at the intersection of Hemenway Street and Forsyth Way in the Fenway area. It was voted by the Commission that the Chief Engineer obtain further information.

BURIAL ACT

The Commission discussed the proposed amendment of the Burial Act submitted by Commissioner Edmund F. Hohmann of the Veterans' Services Department, and it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Boston Law Department for a legal interpretation.

CHANGES ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

The following changes have been approved by Commissioner Devine on recommendation of Chief Engineer Byrne:

171 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"To change occupancy from one family to 8 apartments as per plan."

304 Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 5

"Change occupancy from lodging house to 11 apartments."

CONTRACTS

The following Contracts have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "Construction of Subway Entrance and Information Kiosk, Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts" Bid was
Aliberti Bros. Inc., 411 Salem St., Wakefield.....$67,370.00
(Boston to pay 64%, MBTA 36%)

(2) "Sprinkler System Improvements at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Massachusetts"
Sil Paulini, Inc., 727 Washington St., Newton..... $5,854.10

(3) "Grading, Sodding and Seeding at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Massachusetts"
Sil Paulini, Inc.,.727 Washington St., Newton..... $21,314.00

(4) "Asphalt Sufacing of Roadways at George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Massachusetts"
Old Colony Construction Company of Quincy, Vernon St., Quincy..... $10,022.50

(5) "Furnishing and Installing a New Heating Boiler at Administration Building, Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury"
Praught Engineering Company, 4 Baker Place, Boston 32.$9,700.00

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(6) "Proposed Improvements at Horatio Harris Park, Roxbury, Massachusetts"

D. Cicconi, Inc., 21 Shannon Street, Brighton....$53,675.00

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Secretary

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APRIL 28, 1966

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan
Absent: Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher (because of a previous engagement)

The minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1965, were accepted without reading.

BOSTON COMMON (OPERATION OF MOTOR-DRIVEN CARRIAGES)

Mr. William H. Kerr, Chief Legal Assistant of the Law Department, read to the Commission an agreement allowing the Grey Line Transportation Co., Inc. to operate carriages on Boston Common.

The extended agreement was read in its entirety by Mr. Kerr, and he informed the Commission that the City was amply protected with bond coverage from $500,000. to $5,000,000. This is the first time that carriages have operated on Boston Common. The concessionaire is paying the City a set fee and in addition, the City will get part of the receipts collected in the operation of the carriage concession.

On motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted to enter into a contract with the Grey Line Transportation Co., Inc.

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B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON

Mr. McDermott of the Law Department reported that the appraisal of the above-land (12,014 square feet) indicated that it was appraised at $1.00 a square foot.

On motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to set the price on this land at $12,000.00, and if the party is still interested, to sell it to "Coffee Ann" Coffee Service, Mr. Philip J. McKeon, President, 108A West Broadway, South Boston.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE--WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

This matter, having been before the Commission previously, was again brought up at today's meeting by Mr. McDermott of the Law Department. The question came up on changing the name from "Combined Jewish Philanthropies" to "Jewish Housing and Elderly Association."

There seemed to be some question in allowing the change of name, and also further interests have developed in this land. Accordingly, it was voted to lay the matter on the table.

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TRINITY PLACE

In connection with the new plans for Copley Square, wherein Trinity Church will actually become a part of the Square and Trinity Place will be closed off as a direct means of access to Trinity Church, consideration was given to the conveyance of a

small area of Copley Square which will allow a direct access in and out for weddings, funerals, and other affairs to be held at the church.

On motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to authorize Mr. McDermott to prepare the necessary conveyance for submission to the City Council.

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BURLINGTON - PARK DEPARTMENT LAND - NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

The Board, at the request of Mr. McDermott, took no action on this matter today.

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FRANKLIN PARK - METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION - BEAR DENS

The Secretary read to the Commission the exchange of communi cations between Commissioner Devine and Commissioner Whitmore, and also previous correspondence with former Commissioners Robert F. Murphy and Martin F. Walsh.

It was the opinion of Commissioner Devine that the present area, on which is located the Zoo operated by the Metropolitan District Commission, is of sufficient size to accommodate any extension that they might require for the Zoo. In view of the poor maintenance of the current Zoo, Rose Garden, and other areas turned over by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to the M.D.C., the Commissioners were of the unanimous opinion that they would proceed slowly on this matter and give serious consideration to retaining it in the Boston Park System.

Therefore, it was voted to table the matter for further information.

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FOREST HILLS STREET WIDENING

The Commissioners were informed that Commissioner Devine, in a communication to Commissioner Flaherty of the Public Works Department, had assented to the widening of Forest Hills Street to Morton Street bordering on Franklin Park.

This would be done with the understanding that the brick wall bordering one side of the street would be entirely rehabi- litated and restored to its natural condition.

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PARK LAND - EVANS WAY - TETLOW STREET - FENWAY

A bill filed in the legislature would sell this above-named land to the Church of St. John of Damascus on Museum Road for a new church. The present church will be taken down in the con- struction of the Southwest Expressway. This legislation is not mandatory--it is permissive, with the approval of the Commission.

However, we have had prior requests from the Boston State College who must find additional area immediately.

It was agreed by the Commissioners to lay this matter on the table for discussion at a future date.

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners were brought up to date on the developments in the following areas:

Patrick A. Collins Statue - the new location is between Clarendon and Dartmouth Streets on Commonwealth Avenue

New City Hall location of Parks and Recreation Department offices

Franklin Park - acquisition for school purposes
The bill filed in the legislature was the third attempt (after having been turned down twice) by the School Department, through a bill sponsored by Mrs. LouiseD. Hicks to take Franklin Park for school purposes.
On Monday, April 25, 1966, the legislature once again turned the request down by a vote of 121 - 91.

Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer, informed the Commissioners of the progress being made on all these contracts;

Copley Square Competition

Washington Park projects

Beethoven School, West Roxbury

Boston Common improvements

Boston Common Information Booth

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CONTRACTS

The following Contracts have been awarded to the low bidder since the last meeting:

(1) "Playground Reconstruction and Tennis Courts at Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts"

John J. Botti, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester..$142,397.40

(2) "Transformer and Electric Control Building, Ball Park, Boston Common, Boston, Massachusetts"

John J. Botti, Inc., 1050 Adams Street, Dorchester..$7,940.00

(3) "Proposed Play Area at Washington Street near Grove Street, West Roxbury"

D. F. Frangioso & Company, Inc., 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan...$14,778.00

(4) "Developing Burial Areas at Parks and Recreation Department Cemeteries in Boston, Massachusetts"

D. F. Frangioso & Company, Inc., 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan...$50,483.00

(5) "Furnishing and Planting Trees on City Streets in Boston, Mass."

Alpine Tree & Landscape Corporation, 60 Hall Avenue, Somerville....$16,259.00

(6) "Trimming of Trees at the Public Garden, Boston Common, and Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington and Kenmore

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Streets in Boston, Massachusetts"

Alpine Tree & Landscape Corporation, 60 Hall Avenue, Somerville, Mass..$9,262.50

(7) "Proposed Parking Area at Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass."

Old Colony Construction Company of Quincy, Vernon Street, Quincy...$16,555.17

(8) "Repavement of Terrace and Driveway at Refectory Building, Franklin Park, West Roxbury, Mass."

Martin J. Kelly Company, Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain..$15,932.50

(9) "Supervision of the Construction of Improvements in and Landscaping of Copley Square, Boston"

Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay Associates, Inc., (Architects) 23 Main Street, Watertown, Massachusetts (est.) $50,500.00

NOTE: The above Architects' contract for Copley Square is temporarily being held up because funds are not available.

The Architect mentioned is the one who was the winner of the competition for the Copley Square Improvements.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

"Construction of a Subway Entrance and Information Kiosk"

Aliberti Bros., Inc., 411 Salem Street, Wakefield.....

to JUNE 6, 1966.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary

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JUNE 23, 1966

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

The minutes of the last meeting (held on April 28, 1966) were accepted without reading.

WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

It was unanimously voted--on a motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Meagher--to allow a conveyance by His Honor the Mayor to the Mount Pleasant Building Association, Knights of Columbus, of Parks and Recreation Department land located at Washington and Stimson Streets, West Roxbury, containing 13,180 square feet of land for the sum of $9,700.00. That area (in the Park Department since 1938) has never been developed, and the Mount Pleasant Building Association plans to erect a clubhouse on the site.

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CENTRE STREET AND QUINN WAY, WEST ROXBURY

The Commission unanimously voted--on a motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan--to have the Boston Law Department make an appraisal of 1,282 square feet of land adjacent to Billings Field, West Roxbury, which is the property of the City of Boston.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE AND WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

There was no action taken at this meeting on the possible sale of this land which has been under discussion since 1954.

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MANNING SCHOOL SITE, JAMAICA PLAIN

After listening to correspondence read by the Secretary, the Commissioners were still of the firm opinion that, as this land is now under the care and control of the Boston School Department, that department should assume the responsibility for development.

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TREES...PUBLIC GARDEN

The Commissioners were informed that three special trees were planted on the Public Garden under the terms of the will of Mrs. Grace S. Batchelder who left $1,000.00 to the City of Boston to be used for that purpose.

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PATRICK A. COLLINS STATUE, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

There was no comment on this subject at this time, and it was laid on the table to a later meeting.

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WALTER AND CENTRE STREETS, ROSLINDALE

Chief Engineer Byrne reported that the land at this location has been finally taken over by the Parks and Recreation Departmen from the Public Works Department. Harvard University, through th officials of The Arnold Arboretum, has erected a chain-link fence covering the area under the control of the University, and the City of Boston will construct the balance of the fence on the land under the control of the City. The Arnold Arboretum will develop this area as an addition to The Arboretum.

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IRVING W. ADAMS PARK, ROSLINDALE SQUARE

It was called to the attention of the Commissioners that the work of cutting off two corner areas on this park has been practi cally completed by the Traffic and Parking Deparment. Whether th will improve traffic conditions is a question. No further action on this matter is required.

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SWISS CLOCK, PUBLIC GARDEN

Commissioner Devine reported that within the next two weeks, he hopes that the new location of the Swiss Clock on the Public Garden will be completed. In the meantime, the Superintendent and Foreman of the Greenhouse will visit Montreal, Canada, to get ideas on how we might improve the display of the clock on the Pub lic Garden.

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MATTAPAN URBAN RENEWAL

There is no action required by the Commission. The Secretary informed the Commissioners that Development Administrator Edward J. Logue has informed the Department the development of this urban re newal area has been dropped.

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RENAMING OF PUTNAM SQUARE, EAST BOSTON

The Commissioners were informed that this area was named afte General Israel Putnam on November 23, 1875. Though they are sym- pathetic with the naming of a suitable location for Corporal Lau- rence N. Sousa who was killed in Viet Nam, the Commissioners could not consistently drop the name of Putnam, a Civil War hero, and re place it with the name of Sousa. However, the Commission did look with favor on naming some other area in the City not now carrying specific name for the honoring of Corporal Sousa.

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RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

Representative Norman S. Weinberg appeared before the Commis- sion as Director of the West End House, and in great detail he spoke of the plans of this fine city-wide community organization for the construction of a new building and playground on the site of the Ringer Playground in Allston. Representative Weinberg has been asked to present complete plans for the Commissioners at a later meeting.

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CHAPTER 111, ACTS OF 1966

The Secretary acquainted the Commission with the contents of Chapter 111, Acts of 1966, concerning the use of funds derived from the sale of Park Land which, in accordance with the chapter, can be used for the acquisition of land for Park purposes or for capital improvements to Park land.

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ELLIS SCHOOL SITE, ROXBURY

The Secretary read letter requesting the Mayor and City Council to transfer 40,439 square feet of School land from the School Department to the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. McDermott reported tha t this matter is pending before the City Council. This land is in the Urban Renewal Area in Washington Park.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2879

The Secretary called to the attention of the Commissioners the above house bill authorizing the City of Boston to convey a certain portion of Franklin Park land to the Shattuck Hospital.

Commissioner Devine reported to the other Commissioners that the Parks and Recreation Commission has a request on file with the Committee on Ways and Means at the State House to the effect that this Commission be recorded as opposed to this legislation and all other legislation which would convert to "non-park use" land now held for Park purposes. Further, the Parks and Recreation Commission has asked the Committee to report that this legislation ought <u>not</u> to pass.

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MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY EASEMENT

The Commissioners were acquainted with the fact that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority has turned back to the City of Boston, through a deed recorded in Suffolk Deeds, property used for the storage of equipment during the construction of the turnpike in the vicinity of Charlesgate East.

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CHAPTER 212, ACTS OF 1966

An act authorizing the City of Boston to sell certain Park land in the Dorchester district of Boston to the Carney Hospital. This matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

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UNION STREET PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON

The Commission, on motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, unanimously voted to name the playground located on Union Street, Brighton, containing 1.31 acres, in memory of the late William F. Joyce, Representative from the Brighton district.

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6/23/66

The following CONTRACT (opened on June 21) was awarded to the low bidder:

"Painting of Greenhouse Plant, Franklin Park Service Yard, West Roxbury"

E. D. Harrison Painting Company, 12 Temple Street, Charlestown, ...$34,325.00

Extension of CONTRACT.....to July 1, 1966

"Proposed Play Area at Washington Street near Grove Street, West Roxbury"

D. F. Frangioso & Company, Inc., 155 Savannah Avenue, Mattapan.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary

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AUGUST 30, 1966

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner William J. Devine
Associate Commissioners Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden

Absent: Associate Commissioner James P. Sullivan
(because of a previous commitment)

The minutes of the last meeting (held on June 23, 1966) were accepted without reading.

FILLING STATION--HUNTINGTON AVENUE AND THE JAMAICAWAY

Mr. William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel of the Law Department, stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission would be required to approve this request because of the deed restrictions limiting filling stations from one hundred feet of a parkway. This station, planned to be operated by a large oil company, is within forty feet of the parkway.

Commissioner Devine and Chief Engineer Byrne reported that the Building Department gave all permits for the construction of the station without referring it to the Parks and Recreation Department. The building is now half completed.

No special action was taken at today's meeting, but the Commissioners are to view the area in accordance with their own schedule. Mr. McDermott will follow up on behalf of the Law Department.

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CHESTNUT HILL ROADWAY--BOSTON CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. reported that the Chestnut Hill Roadway was opened by the gas company without their obtaining proper permits. When it was discovered by the Engineering Division of this Department, the work had progressed to such an extent that it was required to complete the easement of a pipe through this area.

Officials of the Boston Gas Company were called to this office by Commissioner Devine and a regular permit was issued and the proper fee paid.

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B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON

This matter has been before the Commission on several occasions in recent years. This land was appraised for $12,000., but the party interested would not pay the price because it was too high. The land is in a manufacturing and commercial area--not a residential one.

On motion by Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Meagher, it was unanimously voted to rent the area for the parking of trucks to the J. F. Gurry Transportation Company, Inc., 167 West Fifth Street, South Boston, at the rate of $75.00 a month for a one-year period from September 1, 1966.

The above agreement is with the understanding that the City of Boston could make an immediate cancellation of the lease provided a firm commitment was received from a buyer of the property.

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8/30/66

WASHINGTON PARK--PROPOSED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION RECREATION FACILITY...SWIMMING POOL AND SKATING RINK

The Commissioners were acquainted with the vote of the Metropolitan District Commission of August 3, 1966, whereby the M.D.C. would construct a swimming pool and skating rink in the Washington Park area of Roxbury. This would be in a large section which the Boston Parks and Recreation Department had planned to develop for recreation purposes.

An agreement with the Boston Redevelopment Authority---Mr. Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department---will allow for the taking of part of this area for these new improvements.

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MAINTENANCE OF GRASSED AREAS WITHIN THE PUBLIC WAYS

The Secretary acquainted the Commissioners with the communication from Henry A. Scagnoli, Director of Administrative Service which indicated that there should be a meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Public Works Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department concerning the maintenance of all grassed area in the city--now constructed or which are to be constructed--so that the responsibility of maintenance can be firmly fixed.

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BOOKMOBILE--BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY--BOSTON COMMON

The Commission unanimously voted to grant permission to the Boston Public Library to place a bookmobile on Boston Common on Fridays, starting in October, 1966, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at a location to be selected by the Director of the Library and Chief Engineer Byrne.

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RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The Secretary acquainted the Parks and Recreation Commission with Chapter 445 of the Acts of 1966 which would authorize the City of Boston to sell and convey to the West End House, Inc. a certain section of Ringer Park and Playground in the Allston district for the construction of a new recreation and social center.

The Commissioners voted to take no further action at this time except to say that the vote adopted at the meeting on June 2 is still in effect which stated that Representative Norman S. Weiberg--representing the West End House--must submit complete plans of the facility before any further action will be taken.

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PATRICK A. COLLINS STATUE, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Commissioner Devine reported that most of the work has been completed. There have been very few complaints received.

The members of the Commission unanimously stated that they were pleased with the work which has been done.

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WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY

On a motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissione Meagher, it was unanimously voted to approve the action of Mayor John F. Collins in the signing of a deed to this property to the Mount Pleasant Council, Knights of Columbus, in the amount of $9,700.00.

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8/20/66

COPLEY SQUARE

The Commissioners were informed of the request of the Mayor for the awarding of a contract to Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay Associates, Inc., architects, 23 Main Street, Watertown, for architects' plans for Copley Square. That concern was the winner of the country-wide contest for award for plans for the Copley Square area.

At the present time, the Boston Finance Commission are reviewing the plans.

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BACK BAY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Secretary acquainted the Commission with this new organization and the officers of it which comprise the top officials in every major business in the Back Bay area.

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SWISS CLOCK, PUBLIC GARDEN

Commissioner Devine reported that the swiss clock is practically completed in the Public Garden and it is drawing much favorable comment. This was originally at Copley Square.

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ACTS OF LEGISLATURE

(1) CHAPTER 111, ACTS of 1966

Allows for a change in the money received from the sale of land by a city department.
Previously, all money went to the account, "Sales of City Lands."
Under this new legislation, any land--property of the Parks and Recreation Department--when sold, now allows the proceeds of the sale to be placed in a special fund which can be used exclusively by the Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase of new land or for the development of any existing areas.

(2) CHAPTER 280, ACTS of 1966

Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause destroys, defaces, mars or injures any playground apparatus or equipment located in a public park or playground shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

(3) CHAPTER 305, ACTS of 1966

An Act designating a certain M.D.C. skating rink in the City of Boston as the Sergeant Peter Joseph Kelly Skating Rink. This is located at the corner of Willow Pond Parkway and the Jamaicaway. Sgt. Kelly was killed in action in World War II.

(4) CHAPTER 312, ACTS of 1966

An Act increasing the penalty for injuring or defacing tombs and structures designed as memorials to the dead.
Whoever wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes a tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure or thing shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by imprisonment in jail for not morethan two and a half years and by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars.

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8/30/64

CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY--COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, ARLINGTON STREET

Hearing before the Appeal Board for a change of occupancy at #12 Arlington Street

#34-36 Commonwealth Avenue

Commissioner Devine--on the approval of Chief Engineer Byrne--and the approval of the Building Department--has approved the installation of connecting balconies from 34 to 36 Commonwealth Avenue on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors.
This request was filed by the Catholic Archbishop of Boston and Mr. Poletta.

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REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONERS

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. gave the Commission a complete report on the progress being made on the following proje

(1) Information Booth, Boston Common

(2) New recreation area, Boston Common, including tennis cou

(3) New fountain at West Street, Boston Common

(4) Washington Park...progress of Boston Redevelopment Authority projects

(5) South End....preliminary plans for the Boston Redevelopment Authority project and development

Director of Recreation, Patrick J. Ryan, presented a complet report of the summer program of this department.

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SURVEY OF TENNIS FACILITIES

The Commission instructed Patrick J. Ryan, Director of Recre ation, to make a survey of the tennis courts in surrounding city and town areas, especially regarding day and night play, so that a policy might be established in regard to the new tennis courts on Boston Common.

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DEVELOPMENT OF A THEATER AREA IN FRANKLIN PARK

Commissioner Snowden suggested that in the 1967 budget, consideration be given to the developing of a Little Theater in the Franklin Park area which is now being used temporarily by theatrical groups. Mr. Byrne will follow up on this matter.

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MAINTENANCE OF NEW AREAS--INCREASED STAFF

At the suggestion of Commissioner Devine, it was unanimously voted by the Commission to have spread upon the records of the Commission that the only way all the new areas which are being ad to this department--Government Center, Waterfront, Washington Par South End, Charlestown, etc.--can be kept up and maintained is wi a greatly increased new staff in the Parks and Recreation Departme

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:

(1) "PAINTING OF GREENHOUSE PLANT, FRANKLIN PARK SERVICE YARD, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

R. TWEED AND SON, 249 HYDE PARK AVENUE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MASSACHUSETTS.....$35,473.00

(2) "FLOODLIGHTING THE BALLFIELD AT CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS"

BURNETT S. ROSENBLOOM, INC., 170 PAYSON ROAD, CHESTNUT HILL, MASSACHUSETTS.....$39,400.00

(3) "CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL PARK ON ST. JAMES STREET"

D. CICCONI, 21 SHANNON STREET, BRIGHTON,.....$43,897.50

(4) "PLAZA CONSTRUCTION AT TOWNSEND STREET AND HUMBOLDT AVENUE, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS....$147,836.25 NET

(5) "NEW WATER AND LIGHTING DISPLAY FOR EXISTING FOUNTAIN, PARKMAN PLAZA, BOSTON COMMON"

CLIFFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., 335 MAIN STREET, CHARLESTOWN $48,636.00

(6) COPLEY SQUARE.....ARCHITECTS--SASAKI, DAWSON, DeMAY ASSOCIATES 23 MAIN STREET, WATERTOWN.....$50,500.00

EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS--

"TRIMMING OF TREES" to OCTOBER 1, 1966.....ALPINE

"BOSTON COMMON TENNIS COURTS" to OCTOBER 1, 1966.....BOTTI

"BOSTON COMMON KIOSK" to AUGUST 1, 1966.....ALIBERTI

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Secretary

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DECEMBER 14, 1966

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:50 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.

Associate Commissioners: Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden

Absent: Associate Commissioners: Harry J. Blake (illness)
James P. Sullivan
(Previous commitment)

The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (held on August 30, 1966) were accepted without reading.

The Secretary, at the conclusion of the meeting, talked with both Commissioner Blake and Commissioner Sullivan, and he informed them of the contents of the meeting agenda and received from them their approval of all action taken during the course of the meeting on each individual item which resulted in a unanimous vote of the Commission on those items which required a vote.

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APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. TIERNEY, JR., AS COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Secretary read the notice from Joseph M. Dunlea, City Clerk of the City of Boston, which is as follows:

City Hall, Boston
November 30, 1966

Mr. John J. Tierney, Jr.

I have the honor to inform you that you have been duly appointed by the Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, to be

COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION

for the term expiring on the first Monday of the January following the next biennial municipal election at which a Mayor is elected.

/s/ J. M. Dunlea
City Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, November 30, 1966

Suffolk, ss.

Personally appeared John J. Tierney, Jr.

above named and made oath that he wouuld faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on him in the office aforesaid.

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VOTE CONCERNING SERVICE OF WILLIAM J. DEVINE, FORMER COMMISSIONER, FROM APRIL 15, 1964, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1966.

The Secretary read the following Vote:

TRIBUTE TO FORMER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER, WILLIAM J. DEVINE

Voted, unanimously, that the Parks and Recreation Commission extends to former Commissioner, William J. Devine, its since appreciation of his two years and seven and a half months' service as Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, during whic period he rendered honorable and meritorious service to the citizens of Boston and to the community in general.

The Commission further voted to extend to Mr. Devine its sincere wishes for his good health and happiness, and also his success in all that he does in his future years.

VOTED, that the Secretary be instructed to include in the minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commissio held on December 14, 1966, this tribute to former Commissione William J. Devine, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Devine.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE--WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

Attorney Hirsch Freed, his assistant Rudy Carnes, and Benjami Ulin for the Jewish Philanthropies, were present at the meeting today.

Mr. Freed announced that this area would be developed for low-income housing with a tax yield to the City of Boston. Alread $35,000. has been encumbered for architect's fees and incidental expenses. He stated that the Jewish Philanthropies is a non-profi organization.

Under Chapter 180, they pay to the City of Boston, in lieu of taxes, an amount which should be in excess of $50,000. a year. This is the equivalent of current taxes on $500,000. at the preser tax rate in Boston.

Mr. Freed states that he is aware of the fact that he must appear before the City Council and he faces the possibility of a change in the recommended sale price of the area.

In relation to this parcel of land, the following Vote was unanimously adopted by the Commission:

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on August 31, 1965, at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted that 376,150 square feet of land located at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Wallingford Road in the Brighton district (the rear of 138 Chestnut Hill Avenue and next to 24 Wallingford Road) is no longer required for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on August 31, 1965, at which a quorum was present and voting, it was unanimously voted to sell for the sum of $175,000.00 to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, 72 Frankli Street, Boston, the land located at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Wallingford Road in the Brighton district (the rear of 138 Chestnut Hill Avenue and next to 24 Wallingford Road -- 376,150 square feet; and

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WHEREAS, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies has caused to be organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws a corporation named "Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Inc." for the purpose of owning, constructing and managing a housing project for the elderly; now, therefore, it is hereby

VOTED, that this Commission, having received a proposal from Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Inc., a corporation organized under General Laws, Chapter 180, to purchase 376,150 square feet of land on Wallingford Road in Brighton, being Parcel B, as shown on a plan, dated January 1963, prepared by the Engineering Division of the City of Boston, hereby recommends to His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council that said land be sold for a price of $175,000. to said Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Inc., for the purpose of constructing and managing a project consisting of not less than 200 dwelling units under the Senior Citizens Housing Loan Program of the Community Facilities Administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, said dwelling units to be available on a nonprofit basis to eligible and qualifying persons, delivery of a deed to said land to take place on or before December 15, 1967. And provided further, that the deed conveying said land to said Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Inc., contain as an additional condition that construction of at least 200 of the proposed dwelling units be substantially completed by October 1, 1970.

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SALE OF PORTION OF DORCHESTER PARK TO THE CARNEY HOSPITAL

It was unanimously voted to recommend to His Honor the Mayor and the City Council the acceptance of Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1966 which would authorize the City of Boston to sell Park land in the Dorchester district of said city, containing approximately 184,000. square feet, to the Carney Hospital...the land no longer being needed for park purposes.

It was further voted that the Corporation Counsel be requested to take the necessary action and also to arrange for an appraisal of the land.

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WEST END HOUSE, RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The matter of the acquisition of this land by the West End House Boys' Club was again discussed.

It was unanimously voted to withhold any action until such a time as we have a more definite report.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, BURLINGTON--REQUEST OF BURLINGTON CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commission considered the request of the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Burlington asking that they be allowed to take 7,000 yards of fill from the Cummings Estate for fill for the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in the Town of Burlington.

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to invite the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Burlington to attend the next meeting of the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss this matter further.

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JOSEPH WARREN STATUE, WARREN SQUARE, ROXBURY

It was unanimously voted by the Commission to reply to Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Boston voted to consent to the widening of Warren Street in the Roxbury district, in accordance with Chapter 79, Section 5, of the General Laws.

This is necessary in accordance with street improvements in the Washington Park area, and it is planned by the B.R.A. to relocate this statue in the new Roxbury Civic Center.

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ROTCH PLAYGROUND, ALBANY AND RANDOLPH STREETS, SOUTH END

The request of the Boston Redevelopment Authority concerning the acquisition of this area was read by the Secretary.

This matter was laid on the table by the Commission.

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B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON -- REQUEST OF BOSTON EDISON COMPANY

The Commissioners considered the granting of the request of the Boston Edison Company for an easement to construct a steam line through this playground site. However, the Commission did not look with favor in granting such a permit for the long and extended period requested.

The Commissioners would look with favor on the possibility of the Boston Edison Company being interested in purchasing this property from the City of Boston. A letter has been sent to the Boston Edison Company to that effect.

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MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY -- NAMING OF PART OF VETERANS' AREA AS "BARTEAUX LAWN"

The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the request of the Suffolk County Council, American Legion, Graves Registration Officer, Arthur W. Reed, for the naming of a portion of the Veterans' Lot Annex at Mount Hope Cemetery in memory of the late Edward H. Barteaux.

Mr. Barteaux, a veteran of World War I of Company C and later of Company A, 163rd Infantry, was Graves Registration Officer for the William L. Harris Post #196 for twenty-five years. He was instrumental in coordinating the present setup of all Posts, and he had the responsibility for caring for the graves in the Veteran Section of Mount Hope Cemetery.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS

(1) Chief Engineer Byrne reported on permission which had been granted, under date of November 14, 1966, to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the placing of 24--3 1/2 inch telephone ducts within the underpass area below the westerly sidewalk of Massachusetts Avenue as it crosses over Commonwealth Avenue, all work to be done at the expense of the telephone company.

(2) Notices were read of the acquisition of two areas for which deeds have been issued to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, containing a net area of 26,934 square feet on Humboldt Avenue and 17,734, square feet on St. James Street, both in the Washington Park Development Project.

(3) The Secretary informed the Commissioners that a letter was addressed to James J. Sullivan, Jr., Corporation Counsel, under date of November 3, 1966, requesting that he arrange to re-file with the 1967 legislature the same bill turned down in the legislature in 1966 which would authorize the Metropolitan District Commission to arrange for an appropriation for the dredging of the Muddy River throughout the entire Fenway area.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTS PASSED IN 1966 (READ TO THE COMMISSIONERS BY THE SECRETARY)

(1) CHAPTER 543...AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONVEY MADISON PARK IN SAID CITY TO THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR URBAN RENEWAL OR LAND ASSEMBLY AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PURPOSES

Approved August 22, 1966, by the Governor

(2) CHAPTER 544...AN ACT DESIGNATING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION SKATING RINK IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AS THE FREDERICK DOUGLAS EMMONS AND JOHN GERALD HORRIGAN RINK

Approved August 22, 1966, by the Governor

The above area was formerly under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department.

(3) CHAPTER 650...AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL RECREATION PROGRAM FOR THE METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT

Approved September 4, 1966, by the Governor

This authorizes the Metropolitan District Commission to spend a sum not exceeding five million dollars in the Metropolitan Parks District for enlarging and improving existing parks and recreation facilities.

Included in the areas to be developed is one in the City of Boston----Roxbury, North Dorchester General Neighborhood Renewal Plan.

(4) CHAPTER 674...AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO SELL CERTAIN PARK LAND IN SAID CITY TO THE SOCIETY OF SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS, located on Evans Way in the Fenway.

The Commissioners have previously discussed this matter with representatives of the Society and members of the Parks and Recreation Department have appeared at the legislature.

It was voted to lay this on the table for further discussion.

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CONTRACTS AWARDED TO THE LOWEST BIDDER SINCE THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING ON AUGUST 30, 1966

(1) REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS OF PARK BENCHES AT BOSTON COMMON, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

F. C. Dolan and Son, Inc., 18 Aldworth Street, Jamaica Plain $6,971.00

(2) PLANT BENCHES FOR GREENHOUSES AT FRANKLIN PARK SERVICE YARD, WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

R. Tweed & Son, 249 Hyde Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain $10,847.00

EXTENSIONS OF TIME ON CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED

(1) CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBWAY ENTRANCE, INFORMATION KIOSK, BOSTON COMMON

Aliberti Bros., Inc.....TO JANUARY 31, 1967

(2) NEW WATER AND LIGHTING DISPLAY FOR EXISTING FOUNTAIN, PARKMAN PLAZA, BOSTON COMMON

Clifford Construction Company.....TO DECEMBER 30, 1966

(3) FLOODLIGHTING THE BALLFIELD AT CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

Burnett S. Rosenbloom, Inc.....TO JANUARY 27, 1967

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********(4) PLAZA CONSTRUCTION AT TOWNSEND STREET AND HUMBOLDT AVENUE, ROXBURY

D. Cicconi Company.....TO JUNE 1, 1967

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********(5) CONSTRUCTING A SMALL PARK ON ST. JAMES STREET, ROXBURY

D. Cicconi Company.....TO JUNE 1, 1967

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The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

SECRETARY

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********(4) and (5) NOT approved at the date of this meeting.

FEBRUARY 9, 1967

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.

Associate Commissioners: Harry J. Blake
Frederick A. Meagher
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (held on December 14, 1966) were accepted without reading.

RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The Commission once again took under consideration Chapter 445 of the Acts of 1966 which would authorize the City of Boston to sell and convey approximately 80,000 square feet of the Stanley A. Ringer Playground in the Allston district to the West End House, Inc. for the construction of a new Recreation Center.

The Commissioners heard from Representative Norman Weinberg in his capacity as Chairman of the special committee for the construction of the new building for the West End House. Mr. Weinberg was accompanied by Representative Epstein of Ward 21, Representative Daley of Ward 22, and Mr. Rhinelander of the Boys Clubs of America who is the Director in charge in New England.

Both Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Rhinelander addressed the Commissioners at length, indicating the plans that are progressing for the construction of this new building. They stated that the West End area is now entirely an apartment-house area with some commercial establishments; practically no children of the lesser fortunate families now live within that area. They indicated that the Allston district is one of the many sections in the city where there is a terrific juvenile and vandalism problem, and the erection of a new building there would certainly improve the community.

It was brought out that the West End House receives no appropriation from the Red Feather or any other group in the city, and all funds are raised entirely by their own membership.

Presently they have available a fund of $1,600,000. and they expect to raise another million dollars. The building to be erected will cost $1,000,000. with another $70,000.--$100,000. to equip it. Afterwards, it is their aim to have a fund of $2,000,000. the income of which will help maintain the permanent staff and the expenses.

Mr. Rhinelander suggested that the city might be willing to give the land for a rental of $1. a year. A brief discussion concerned the appraisal of the area. Mr. Weinberg indicated that if the area had to be purchased, then arrangements would be made to that end.

After they had left the meeting, the following vote was adopted:

FEBRUARY 9, 1967

VOTED: THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION IS OF THE OPINION THAT 80,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND (A PORTION OF THE ABOVE PLAYGROUND COVERED IN CHAPTER 445 OF THE ACTS OF 1966) CAN BE SOLD TO THE WEST END HOUSE, INC. AT THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF THE LAND, AND SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS. THE BUILDING IS TO BE USED FOR YOUTH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS ONLY.

(VOTED: 4 IN AFFIRMATIVE: 1 IN NEGATIVE)

2/9/67

CUMMINGS ESTATE, BURLINGTON

The Commission took under consideration the request of the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Burlington to remove approximately 7,000 yards of fill from a section of the Cummings Estate to be used for fill in the town's cemetery. Invited to discuss this matter with the Commissioners were the following from the Town of Burlington: Cemetery Commissioner Charles Casassa and two Associate Commissioners.

Senator Ronald MacKenzie of the Burlington-Woburn district also was invited and was present.

The discussion revolved around the removal of a large hump of land on the Cummings Estate. Commissioner Casassa and his associates indicated that the area from which they desired to remove the gravel is now more or less a parking area at night and also a dumping area for all kinds of debris. With the removal of this large area of earth, the section would be left open so that the police could patrol it.

A question came up on paying for the gravel, but no definite decision was made.

Commissioner Tierney agreed to meet with the Burlington officials on Thursday, February 23, at 11:00 a.m. in Burlington on the site of the area from which they desire to remove the gravel. Chief Engineer Byrne will accompany the Commissioner.

Commissioner Tierney authorized the town officials to place signs on the location indicating, "NO DUMPING ALLOWED."

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DORCHESTER PARK, CARNEY HOSPITAL

Commissioner Tierney reported that he attended the hearing before the City Council on January 26.

The City Council approved the sale of "certain park land in the Dorchester District to the Carney Hospital" by a 9 - 0 vote, as per Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1966.

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B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON

The Secretary read to the Commission communications from the Boston Edison Co. requesting that they be allowed to construct and maintain a main 10' x 20' in the northeast corner of the playground

The letter read by the Secretary also stated that if this permission were granted, the Boston Edison Co. would rehabilitate the playground area, in accordance with details in their letter of January 23, 1967.

Accordingly, the following voted was unanimously adopted by the Commissioners: FEBRUARY 9, 1967

VOTED: IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO GRANT TO THE BOSTON EDISON CO. A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A MAIN 10' x 20' LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PLAYGROUND AT B AND THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST SET FORTH IN A LETTER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER, DATED 1/23/67.
THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED UPON THE CONDITION THAT THE BOSTON EDISON CO. SHALL REHABILITATE THE PLAYGROUND AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 12,000 SQUARE FEET WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A BLACKTOP AREA INSTALLATION OF CHILDREN'S PLAY FACILITIES AND HAVE THE AREA ENCLOSED BY A SUITABLE FENCE.

The Edison Company is to be notified of the action of the Commis

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EVANS WAY--TETLOW STREET, FENWAY---CHURCH SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

The Commissioners were informed of the latest development concerning the request of the Society of St. John of Damascus to acquire the above property. The Secretary read to the Commission a letter from Commissioner Tierney to John H. O'Neill, Jr., Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Mayor, in answer to a communication sent by Frederick C. Langone of the Boston City Council to Mayor John F. Collins.

Once again the Park Commissioners reiterated their former stand that further attempts be made to relocate the Society of St. John of Damascus on other than this park land, having in mind the fact that the church parishioners numbering 3,000 do not all reside in this area.

The parking facilities are not sufficiently ample to absorb this many parishioners and the Commissioners desire to retain park land for park purposes.

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ROTCH PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END

The Commissioners listened to the reading of a letter, sent by Commissioner Tierney to Mayor John F. Collins under date of January 27, 1967, setting forth the reasons why this playground cannot be turned over to the Boston Redevelopment Authority until a new play field is constructed and in operation.

The Commissioners gave their approval of Commissioner Tierney's letter to the Mayor.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE--WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The sale of this land has been discussed on many occasions during the past few years by the Commissioners.

Mr. William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston Law Department, informed the Commission that this matter is pending in the Boston City Council.

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO THE LOWEST BIDDER SINCE THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING:

"REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD OR DISEASED TREES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS" TO

ALPINE TREE & LANDSCAPE CORPORATION, 60 HALL AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS...$24,720.00

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THE FOLLOWING EXTENSIONS OF TIME HAVE BEEN APPROVED:

(1) "PLAZA CONSTRUCTION AT TOWNSEND STREET AND HUMBOLDT AVENUE, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

D. CICCONI, INC., 21 SHANNON STREET, BRIGHTON.....to JUNE 1, 1967

(2) "CONSTRUCTING A SMALL PARK ON ST. JAMES STREET, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS"

D. CICCONI, INC., 21 SHANNON STREET, BRIGHTON.....to JUNE 1, 1967

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(3) "CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBWAY ENTRANCE AND INFORMATION KIOSK, BOSTON COMMON, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

ALIBERTI BROS., INC., 411 SALEM STREET, WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS TO JANUARY 31, 196?

THE FOLLOWING CHANGE ORDER WAS APPROVED:

"NEW WATER AND LIGHTING DISPLAY FOR EXISTING FOUNTAIN, PARKMAN PLAZA, BOSTON COMMON, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS"

CLIFFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., 335 MAIN STREET, CHARLESTOWN, MAS:

Original Contract...	$48,636.00
Change Order #1 Net Addition...	5,824.09
	$54,460.09

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The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

SECRETARY

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APRIL 26, 1967

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.
Associate Commissioners: Harry J. Blake
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher (who was away from Boston)

The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (held on February 9, 1967) were accepted without reading.

APPOINTMENT OF HARRY J. BLAKE, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

The Secretary read the notice from the City Clerk stating that

HARRY J. BLAKE
having been duly appointed to be Associate Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the term ending May 1, 1970, this day appeared and was sworn as such officer.
(dated March 15, 1967)

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LAND MATTERS DISCUSSED BY ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, WILLIAM A. McDERMOTT, WITH THE COMMISSIONERS

CARNEY HOSPITAL, DORCHESTER PARK

An appraisal in the amount of $27,000.00 has been submitted by John B. Byrne of 1428 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, to the City of Boston Law Department. Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr. was of the opinion that this was not sufficient, and therefore, upon his recommendation, the Commission agreed to lay this matter on the table.

WEST END HOUSE, RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The Petitti Realty Corporation, 344 Washington Street, Brighton, has submitted an appraisal of the 80,000 square feet of land at $24,000.00. Commissioner Tierney reported that he had discussed this matter with Mayor John F. Collins and the Mayor and Commissioner agreed that a purchase price of $25,000.00 would be acceptable. The Secretary was instructed to call the officials of the West End House and inform them of the price.

CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN-BURLINGTON

Present at the meeting were a group representing the Y.M.C.A. who desire a new building. Their spokesman was Eugene Lyne of Lyne, Woodworth & Evarts, Attorneys, 75 Federal Street, Boston.

Also present were officials from Northeastern University with their attorney. They would like additional land to build there.

These two above matters are separate from each other.

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R. M. Bradley & Co., Inc., 250 Boylston Street, Boston, has submitted an appraisal of $22,000.00 for 10.3 acres in the Town of Burlington at $10,000.00 and 4.3 acres in the City of Woburn at $12,000.00.

After much discussion, Commissioner Tierney states that he would arrange to have a meeting of the Park Commission in approximately two weeks to discuss this matter further; and then in about six weeks, he would invite the Y.M.C.A. officials and their attorney to return for a more complete discussion.

Northeastern University is interested in obtaining a strip of land which is located between what they purchased from the General Services Administration of the Federal Government (formerly under the control of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department prior to the government taking it for a nike site) and a second parcel of land containing 70 acres which Northeastern University has purchased privately for a sum in excess of $460,000.00. The Northeastern University officials pointed out the strip of land in which they are interested and they will have plans enlarged and sent to Daniel J. Byrne, Jr., Chief Engineer.

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VICTORY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

Mr. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Law Department, explained to the Commission that this parcel of land and remainder of this playground is no longer in the care and control of the Parks and Recreation Department. A few years ago an order was placed in the Boston City Council asking that it be transferred to the Real Property Department and that order is still pending in the City Council. The attorney of the Marine Hardware and Supply Co., Inc. of 390 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, was informed to talk to the Chairman of the Land Committee of the Council.

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224 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Commissioner Tierney informed the Commissioners that there is to be a change of occupancy at the above building from a hospital to a 10-family dwelling with connecting balconies. There was no objection to this alteration by the Commission.

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COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, ARLINGTON STREET TO MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ---- BEAUTIFICATION

Commissioner Tierney briefly informed the Commissioners of the contemplated plans for the beautification of Commonwealth Avenue from Arlington Street to Massachusetts Avenue as new benches, 2 new fountains, grassing of the area, etc. He also stated that the Back Bay Association has a contract with Mason and Frey, Landscape Architects of 4 Brattle Street, Cambridge, in the amount of $5,000.00 for submitting to the Association suggested plans for the beautification and development of Commonwealth Avenue between the above-listed streets. When plans are completed, they will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department.

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CASTLE ISLAND, SOUTH BOSTON

The Commissioners were informed by Commissioner Tierney that, under date of April 6, 1967, the Parks and Recreation Department withdrew any interest which they had in the acquisition of the radio station site on Castle Island, South Boston. After a conference with the Metropolitan District Commission, Commissioner Tierney stated that he is satisfied the M.D.C. has the desire for a major recreation improvement of the area and has the required funds for it. Commissioner Howard Whitmore, Jr., of the M.D.C., has agreed that Commissioner Tierney will have the opportunity of making suggestions.

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FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, DORCHESTER, METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

This acquisition of the "bear dens area" was placed on the agenda at the request of Mr. McDermott who discussed this legislation--Chapter 632, Acts of 1963--with the Commissioners. No action was taken at this meeting and the matter was laid on the table for a future meeting.

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NAMING OF LITTLE LEAGUE AREA WITHIN THE JOSEPH D. McLAUGHLIN PLAYGROUND, PARKER HILL AVENUE, ROXBURY, IN MEMORY OF Sp4 MARTIN F. KILLILEA WHO WAS KILLED IN VIET NAM

The Secretary read to the Commissioners correspondence from the Mission Hill Post No. 327 of the American Legion and from the Mission Hill Little League requesting the naming of the Little League field area in memory of Martin F. Killilea. He was born on February 15, 1947, and attended the Mission Grammar and High Schools, graduating in 1964. He entered the service of his country on October 1, 1964, and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, and then was assigned to the 1st Battalion Airborne, 12th Cavalry, First Cavalry Division (Airmobile). On May 16, 1966, Martin Killilea was mortally wounded as a result of hostile action near the village of Vinh Thank, Republic of Viet Nam. He was buried with full military honors from the Mission Church on May 25, 1966. It was unanimously voted by the Commission to name this area in memory of him.

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AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION IN BOSTON, AUGUST 25-31, 1967

Commissioner Tierney and Secretary O'Keefe informed the Commission of plans concerning this.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe

Secretary

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MAY 24, 1967

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.
Associate
Commissioners Harry J. Blake, O. Phillip Snowden, and
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher who had a previous meeting

The meeting minutes of April 26 were accepted without reading.

CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN

Chief Engineer Daniel J. Byrne, Jr. reported in detail to the Commission of his visit to the Cummings Estate and his survey of the areas in which Northeastern University and the Y.M.C.A. have expressed an interest. These are on a plan , "Burlington-Woburn, Massachusetts, March 1966, Essex Survey Service, 275 Cabot Street, Beverly."

Although the original request of the Y.M.C.A. was for 14 acres, Mr. McDermott of the Law Department reported that they might be willing to take less than that amount. Northeastern University has acquired from the Cummings family approximately 143 acres purchased at a private sale, indicated in green on the survey map. They desire to obtain approximately 43 acres of the Cummings Estate property from the Parks and Recreation Department, as indicated in red on the map. Northeastern University also indicated interest in the area in white, includin g the land where the present children's garden is located, but this area, Commissioner Tierney stated, would be held by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Tierney indicated to the Commission that the money obtained from the sale of land to the Y.M.C.A. and Northeastern could be used for the establishment of a day camp building and other facilities. Commissioner Sullivan spoke at length regarding the great opportunity for the Parks and Recreation Department to establish a day camp, and the other Commissioners concurred with his suggestion.

Mr. McDermott and Mr. Byrne were assigned to attend the meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Burlington on Wednesday evening, May 24th, concerning Burlington's interest in the Cummings Estate property. They will report on this at the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The Secretary reported that Attorney Norman S. Weinberg has indicated the West End House, Inc. is ready to pay $25,000.00 for the land required for a new boys' center provided they receive assurance that the Boston Redevelopment Authority has no particular plans for the area. The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator, B.R.A. concerning this.

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5/24/67

URBAN BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Secretary acquainted the Commissioners with the contents of the latest letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in New York concerning Park Department projects, dated May 10, 1967. This is in the "Urban Beautification" file.

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Commissioners were also acquainted with the report of the meeting of May 3, 1965, with the Boston Redevelopment Authority Division handling Washington Park improvements. Mr. Samuel Thompson is the Director. This is in the "Washington Park" file.

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CITY COUNCIL ORDER READ BY THE SECRETARY, AS FOLLOWS:

ORDERED: That the sum of one million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars ($1,460,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for planning, designing, acquiring land for, constructing and originally equipping structures and facilities the City of Boston is authorized to construct for the purposes of its Parks and Recreation Department, and be it further

ORDERED: That to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized, under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 642 of the Acts of 1966, to issue from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

In City Council April 3, 1967, and April 24, 1967. Passed

Approved by the Mayor April 26, 1967, he certifying on the original order that the foregoing loan order is not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY -- SIDEWALK PLANTINGS, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Commissioner Tierney informed the Commissioners that he had received a communication and talked personally with Mr. Kurt M. Hertzfeld, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Boston University, in regard to the proposed plantings on Commonwealth Avenue.

Boston University officials have agreed to make plantings of trees and shrubs on the loamed area bordering the sidewalk in front of the University property on Commonwealth Avenue.

The Commissioner reported that he has assigned John J. Keane, the Superintendent of Horticulture, to work with Mr. Walsh , Director of Plant at B.U.

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WADING POOL, WHITTIER STREET, ROXBURY, HEALTH UNIT

The Secretary read to the Commission the request of the Deputy Commissioner of Health and Hospitals Department, dated April 27, that the wading pool and playground on the above property be incorporated within the Park Department beginning January 1, 1968. Commissioner Snowden will visit the area and report at the next meeting of the Commission.

5/24/67

WATER SERVICE FOR NEW PARKS, CASTLE SQUARE

The Secretary reported that an exchange of communications from Commissioner John F. Flaherty of the Public Works Department indicated that Public Works will waive its customary fee and will install water services in Castle Square, in accordance with a plan of Charles A. Maguire and Associates, in a contract which the Public Works Department has with the Milton Construction Company.

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74 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Chief Engineer Byrne submitted at the meeting a plan for the construction of a mansard roof on 74 Commonwealth Avenue for which he had recommended approval.

It was unanimously voted by the Commission to have Mr. Nicholas Haddad appear at our next meeting and discuss this matter with the members of the Commission.

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NEED OF WELL-QUALIFIED RECREATION PERSONNEL

Commissioner Snowden called to the Commission's attention the necessity of obtaining well-qualified recreation staff personnel to carry out our city-wide program. He stated that the time has come when we must obtain those who have the background and qualifications for doing this specialized work.

It was pointed out that under Civil Service regulations and procedure, any citizen is entitled to take the examination, and for many years and up to the present time, no particular qualifications as far as education is concerned have been listed in the examination qualifications.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners after Mr. Snowden's statement that when the opportune time presents itself, the Parks and Recreation Commissioner should recommend that Civil Service have in its qualifications for those who are to be recreation leaders or assistants that the person have at least a college degree (and preferably a master's degree) in physical education and recreation.

Commissioner Snowden further stated that he thought that it would be foolhardy for us to open up the new Recreation Centers now being planned for various sections of the city and not be able to place in them well-qualified personnel to handle the program.

Commissioner Tierney is to take this up with the Civil Service Commission in the near future.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary

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JUNE 7, 1967.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.

Associate Commissioner James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioners
Harry J. Blake who was a patient in the Massachusetts General Hospital
Frederick A. Meagher and O. Phillip Snowden who were detained on other appointments, but they both stated they could be called for a vote on any item on the agenda which might require their consideration.

CUMMINGS ESTATE, WOBURN

The Commission again had under consideration acquisition of certain areas on the Cummings Estate in Burlington-Woburn by Northeastern University and the Y.M.C.A. This follows previous meetings with groups from these organizations as well as discussion by the Parks and Recreation Commission at separate meetings of the Commission.

Present today were: Commissioner Tierney and Associate Commissioner Sullivan, Chief Engineer Byrne, Executive Secretary O'Keefe, Assistant Corporation Counsel McDermott, Attorney Eugene Lyne representing the Y.M.C.A. , and from Northeastern, Attorney Whalon and Professors Beard and Parsons.

Commissioner Tierney said that, after the survey of the area in company with Chief Engineer Byrne and following attendance at a meeting of the Selectmen of Burlington by Mr. Byrne and Mr. McDermottt, there appeared to be no objection on the part of the Parks and Recreation Commission to acquisition by both groups (Northeastern University and the Woburn Y.M.C.A.) of certain land for development and construction.

The areas in question are indicated upon a plan entitled: "Sketch Plan Burlington-Woburn, Massachusetts, March 1966, Essex Survey, 275 Cabot Street, Beverly, #2276." On this plan 45.9 acres for Northeastern University is indicated in red and 10 acres for the Y.M.C.A. in yellow.

There might be some problem with the Town of Burlington which, it is hoped, can be solved. Burlington is interested in acquiring some land for cemetery purposes claiming their need is critical. This might present a problem before an agreement is finally reached on land for the various agencies.

It was more or less agreed that to effect these transfers and the sale of the land, it would require probate court action and possibly legislative action. Attorney Lyne suggested that a joint petition be filed at the court with Northeastern University and the Y.M.C.A. as sponsors. Attorney Whalon hoped a plan and course of action might be developed which would include the Town of Burlington. There may be an impasse with Burlington. Attorney Lyne pointed out there is a time problem on the construction of a new Y.M.C.A.

Commissioner Tierney stated that the transfer must be made at the same time to the Y.M.C.A. and Northeastern. Professor Beard discussed the matter of all agencies connecting with a main sewer line--the Park Department, the Federal Government which has an area under its control, plus Northeastern and the Y.M.C.A. This might be worked out with each group and Commissioner Tierney and all those present agreed that it should be done. Mr. Whalon agreed that he would call Paul Goode, Town Counsel of Burlington, and acquaint him with the results of the meeting today.

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SOUTH END DEVELOPMENT, BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORIT

This developed into a joint hearing of the South End Planning Council with Mr. Tercyak, Project Director of the South End, B.R.A. The South End Planning Group requests were presented by Mr. Willis and their secretary. Requests were for an extension of the hours of the playgrounds, improvements with particularly the replacement of equipment, the reopening of the sanitary on the Carter Playground, and the summer program on all playgrounds in the South End district.

Mr. Patrick J. Ryan, Director of Recreation, was present and he stated what is planned. There was considerable discussion on the supplying of personnel and the materials for arts and crafts.

A large program will be conducted at the O'Day Playground. There was an extension of the program to be held at Blackstone Park requested, and Mr. Ryan stated that both these facilities are practically adjacent to one another and that the program at the O'Day Playground should suffice for both these locations.

The South End group left with Commissioner Tierney a list of suggestions and recommendations and the Commissioner agreed that he would make every effort as far as the budget will allow to furnish the materials requested.

Commissioner Tierney did agree to allow an expenditure of $800.00 from the Randidge Trust Fund for bus hire for picnics and day trips to the Cummings Estate, Woburn-Burlington. There could be overnight camping if the South End organization so desired, but that group must supply all facilities and take care of incidental elxpenses. The City would only be responsible for the bus transportation. Commissioner Tierney stated this was a special concession to this particular group.

The Commissioner requested that they be patient until plans could be formulated and carried out. Long-range plans in the South End area indicate that most all improvements requested will be in effect on the completion of the Boston Redevelopment Authority plans. The Time schedules and plans are all under the B.R.A. who will advertise for all contracts, supervise all work, and pay all expenses. (refer to the B.R.A. letter of June 6, 1967, from Tad Tercyak, Project Director, which is in the South End Project Folder). The letter indicates that there are some 24 planned developments between the period of 1967 - 1973. All Commissioners and Park officials have been given a copy of this letter and plan.

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WHITTIER STREET, ROXBURY, WADING POOL - PLAYGROUND

There is a possibility of acquisition of the above location by the Parks and Recreation Department from the Health and Hospitals Department. This matter was laid on the table until a report on this is received from Commissioner Snowden.

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74 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Mr. Nicholas Haddad was present at the meeting today and both he and Chief Engineer Byrne reviewed the plans for the construction of the mansard roof on his property with Commissioners Tierney and Sullivan. Subsequently Commissioner Snowden was called on the telephone and he agreed to approval of the plans. The plans were presented to Mr. Haddad at a later date and an official approval notice was sent to the Boston Building Department.

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SHATTUCK HOSPITAL, FRANKLIN PARK

House Bill No. 3888 of 1967 pertaining to the acquisition of 1.9 acres of Franklin Park by the State Department of Public Health for an additional area for the Shattuck Hospital was presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Tierney noted that under Chapter 770 of the Acts of 1949, (which was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission after the approval of the legislature) an area not exceeding 15 acres of Franklin Park was allowed for the construction of the Shattuck Hospital.

Actually, according to the plans, 12.98 acres were acquired. However, notwithstanding that, the hospital authorities were of the opinion that they could proceed to build on the remaining 2.02 acres and they have filed with the legislature to acquire 1.9 acres of this property for development purposes.

At the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held today, it was voted to approve the conveyance of 1.9 acres to the Shattuck Hospital.

The area to be conveyed is shown on a plan--City of Boston--Franklin Park--Morton Street, West Roxbury, March 31, 1949, James W. Haley, Chief Engineer, Street Laying out Department.

Commissioner Tierney and Associate Commissioner Sullivan approved the conveyance of the land.

Associate Commissioner Snowden granted his approval by telephone.

Associate Commissioner Meagher, reached by telephone, wanted to be recorded in the negative.

Therefore, this matter was approved by a vote of 3 - 1.

A letter was sent to Mr. Walter Nolan of the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, under date of June 16, 1967, informing him of the approval of the conveyance by the Parks and Recreation Commission, but that it can only take effect upon approval by the Massachusetts Legislature of House Bill 3888 of 1967.

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The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 2: 30 p.m.

Arthur J. O'Keefe

Secretary

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JULY 25, 1967

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.
Associate Commissioners: Harry J. Blake
O. Phillip Snowden
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioner Frederick A. Meagher

The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (held on June 7th) were accepted without reading.

CARNEY HOSPITAL, Dorchester Park, Dorchester

Present at the meeting from the hospital were Sister Helen, Supt.; Sister Dorothy, her Secretary; Attorney Lawrence Fahey and Dr. Christian. It was reported by the Park Dept. Executive Secretary that appraisals had been received as follows:

From Frank A. Mason on behalf of the Carney Hospital an appraisal was received in the amount of $20,000. for 184,000 sq. ft. of park land within the Dorchester Park area. A second appraisal submitted by the City Law Dept. from John B. Byrne covering the above area in the amount of $27,000.

Commissioner Tierney informed Sister Helen that the City had set a price of $30,000. for this land. The Sister stated that she had no authority to go any higher than the $27,000. figure and she will report back to the trustees of the hospital and will notify the Commissioner of their decision.

Attorney Fahey requested a copy of the Law Dept. appraisal and the Secretary was instructed by Commissioner Tierney to forward the appraisal to Atty. Fahey.

On motion by Commissioner Snowden and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to sell 184,000 sq. ft. of land in the Dorchester Park District to the Carney Hospital for the sum of $30,000.

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CUMMINGS ESTATE, Woburn-Burlington

Present at the meeting today following up their interest in acquisition of land on the Cummings Estate were Atty. Lyne representing the Y.M.C.A. and Atty. Whalon and Prof. Beard representing Northeastern University.

Attorney Whalon reported that the Town of Burlington stated that they were not as unhappy as they might be. The critical point with the Selectmen is that they must acquire additional land for cemetery purposes. The Selectmen are to meet on August 2nd to ascertain if it is possible to obtain other land so as to leave available land in which Northeastern University is interested.

Mr. McDermott of the City Law Dept. said that originally the transaction concerning all the land requested by the Y.M.C.A., Northeastern University and the Town of Burlington, were to be through one agreement in the Probate Court upon which all would agree. Mr. McDermott stated that we should now possibly consider making a severance of this planned agreement and proceed to give the Y.M.C.A. the area required, 4.3 acres; and for Northeastern University 17.7 acres both in the City of Woburn.

Commissioner Tierney pointed out that the Y.M.C.A. appraisal in the amount of $12,000. was at the rate of approximately $3,000. an acre while the offer of Northeastern of $103,000. was approximately $5,800. per acre.

He discussed with Attorney Lyne the possibilities of increasing their offer and this will be considered further after talking to Y.M.C.A. officials.

On motion of Commissioner Blake and seconded by Commissioner Snowden, it was unanimously voted that Commissioner Tierney address a communication to the Corporation Counsel requesting appraisals of the two above parcels of land.

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RINGER PLAYGROUND, Allston

Representative Norman S. Weinberg, Chairman of the West End House, Inc., Committee, was present and read a statement that the Trustees of West End House are willing to purchase 80,000 sq. ft. of land at the Ringer Playground for the sum of $25,000. On this land will be erected a modern recreation center by West End House, Inc.

This matter has been discussed at previous meetings of the Commission. As a result of the West End House offer by Mr. Weinberg, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously adopted the following vote:

July 25, 1967

"It is the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission that 80,000 sq. ft. of land at the Stanley A. Ringer Playground in the Allston District of City of Boston as indicated on plan dated November 3, 1966 entitled West End House Boys Club, Joseph Selwyn, Civil Engineer, 14 Linden Avenue, Belmont, Mass., be sold to the West End House, Inc., and further voted that it is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Mayor and City Council that the same be sold for a price of not less than $25,000.

It was further voted that this agreement be valid and in effect for two years from hereof."

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FENWAY-FORSYTH DENTAL CENTER (land request)

The Commission considered the requests under date of February 14th and July 14th, 1967, of the Forsyth Dental Center, Fenway, for acquisition of park land in the Fenway for construction of an addition to their present building and to exchange with the Park Department certain property that the Dental Center has in the Fenway. Present from the Dental Center were Dr. John W. Hein, architect for the Center; Mr. Peter Klein and the Fenway Project Director from the B.R.A., Mr. Mace Wenniger.

The Secretary reported that this particular piece of land has been before the Commission on previous occasions, most recently when Northeastern University endeavored to acquire the site as a home for the President of Northeastern 1952-58.

The Secretary further informed the Commission of the history concerning the land and the fact that the City paid in 1914 the sum of $140,300. for the land and that in 1957, Northeastern University had submitted through appraisal an offer of $126,000. for this land. Northeastern endeavored to acquire the land through legislation and this was rejected in the House by a vote of 51 to 21.

Commissioner Tierney informed Dr. Hein and those present that first, the City was not interested in disposing of the land, if they did, they would want at least the price that the City paid for the land and further, it could not be sold unless authority was received from the Legislature.

The hearing rested there.

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M.D.C. LAND (concurrence), South Boston

The Secretary read to the Commission the request of the M.D.C. to convey certain area in the South Boston District near Columbus Park, 10,266 sq. ft. of land, to the Family City Development Corp.

Approval is required on all park land within the M.D.C. District which the M.D.C. Commission desires to dispose of. This only can be done under Section 85 Chapter 92 of the General Laws.

After some discussion, on motion of Commissioner Snowden and seconded by Commissioner Blake, it was unanimously voted to lay the matter on the table for a future meeting.

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WHITTIER STREET, ROXBURY, Wading Pool - Playground

Commissioner Snowden reported that he had visited the Health Unit, made a personal inspection of the wading pool and playground and found them in excellent condition. The Department of Health and Hospitals had requested that this area be taken over by the Parks and Recreation Department commencing January 1, 1968.

Mr. McDermott of the City Law Department stated that because they were constructed under the White Fund, there may be some difficulty in arranging the transfer. At the suggestion of Commissioner Snowden, the Commission voted to delay the matter to a future meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Secretary read to the Commission a communication from Edward J. Ribbs, Commissioner of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, concerning their offer to turn over to the Parks and Recreation Department three areas: 2.49 acres, 1.76 acres and 1.32 acres. These areas are located within the confines of the new Southwest Expressway surrounded by many local roads which will be well used and will be criss-crossed by overhead and sunken ramps leading from the Expressway.

Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Chief Engineer, submitted a report indicating that at any time the Commonwealth could reclaim these areas after the City had made an investment for equipment plus maintenance.

Mr. Byrne further reported that he doubted whether the areas would be used very much for recreational purposes. In view of the fact that the Parks & Recreation Department will have several new areas in the South End and Madison Park, he suggested that the Commission give consideration to the refusal of the offer of these three areas.

On motion of Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Snowden, it was unanimously voted to decline the offer of the Department of Public Works and to so inform the Commissioner of that Department.

B & THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON

Mr. Arthur Morgan, Real Estate Officer for the Boston Edison Company, was present at the meeting for further consideration of the request of the Edison Company to construct and maintain an easement in the above playground. This matter has been before the Commission on previous occasions.

Following Mr. Morgan's presentation, on motion of Commissioner Blake and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following vote:

July 25, 1967

VOTE OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

"It was unanimously voted by the Parks and Recreation Commission to grant to the Boston Edison Company an easement to construct and maintain a main 10' x 20' located in the northeast corner of the playground at B & Third Streets, South Boston, in accordance with request set forth in a letter to the Parks and Recreation Commissioner dated January 23, 1967 for the sum of $10,000."

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSION

(a) The reading of communication from the Public Facilities Department - a new agency in the city in which the Parks & Recreation Department will be involved on many projects in the future.

(b) Permission granted to Harvard University to construct a Service Building adjacent to the Administration Building in the Arnold Arboretum, all cost at the expense of the University.

(c) BACK BAY DEVELOPMENT

Dartmouth Street Mall
Liberty Mall, Boston Common

Commissioner and Chief Engineer stated plans are in formative stages - report later.

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EXTENSIONS OF TIME ON CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED

(1) FURNISHING AND PLANTING TREES IN STREET AND PARKWAYS IN BOSTON, MASS.

D. Cicconi . . . . . To December 15, 1967

(2) PLAZA CONSTRUCTION, TOWNSEND STREET AND HUMBOLDT AVENUE, ROXBURY, MASS.

D. Cicconi . . . . . To Sept. 1, 1967 In Process

(3) CONSTRUCTING A SMALL PARK ON ST. JAMES STREET, ROXBURY, MASS.

D. Cicconi . . . . . To Sept. 1, 1967 In Process

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The meeting adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Secretary

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DECEMBER 27, 1967

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 33 Beacon Street, Boston, at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Commissioner John J. Tierney, Jr.
Associate Commissioners: Frederick A. Meagher
James P. Sullivan

Absent: Associate Commissioners: Harry J. Blake
O. Phillip Snowden

The minutes of the previous Commission meeting (held on July 25, 1967,) were accepted without reading.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER JAMES P. SULLIVAN

The Secretary read to the Board the official notice of appointment by the Mayor as Associate Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of Commissioner James P. Sullivan for the term ending May 1, 1971. The City Clerk notified the Parks and Recreation Department that Mr. Sullivan called at the City Clerk's office and was sworn in as of November 21, 1967.

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ROTCH PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END

The Secretary read to the Commissioners a letter dated December 13, 1967, received from Francis X. Cuddy, Boston Redevelopment Authority Development Administrator, stating that the Authority would like to negotiate with the Public Facilities Department in allowing the Authority to purchase the land on Rotch Playground.

Commissioner Tierney had replied to the communication under date of December 26 indicating that it would be discussed at the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 27. This matter has been before the Commission on previous occasions and on each occasion the Commissioners have expressed the desire to retain custody of this playground until such time as suitable arrangements have been made for the replacement of the area.

The Commission again today unanimously voted not to give up the area until an equal area was received within the South End district. This was set forth in a letter to Mr. Cuddy on December 27, 1967. The Commissioners voted unanimously to lay this matter on the table.

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION LAND MATTERS

The following three items covering the conveyance of parcels of land from the M.D.C. under Section 85 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws were presented to the Commissioners:

1. Family City Development Corporation, South Boston
   10,266 square feet of land

2. Land situated in the Charles River Reservation, Boston, to the
   Trustees of Boston University .. 17,347 square feet

3. Eden Street Playground, Charlestown, to the B.R.A.
   18,396 square feet of land

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Matters of this kind are normal procedure under Section 85 of Chapter 92 whereby the Metropolitan District Commission cannot sell or dispose of any land within any city in the district uhless approval is received from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

All three matters were referred to William A. McDermott, Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Law Department, and they are held up until a further report is received from him.

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ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER

The Secretary informed the Commissioners that a notice has been received from the City Council approving the sale of a strip of land on the westerly side of Washington Street, Dorchester, to John J. Moriarty and Edmond B. Nardone for the sum of $3,500.00. The City Council approval was under the dates of October 23 and November 13, 1967, and the Mayor on November 24, 1967. The Commission had approved the sale of this land some months ago.

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RINGER PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON

The Commissioners were informed that the City Council, under the dates of October 30 and November 13, 1967, and the Mayor under date of November 24, 1967, approved the sale of 80,000 square feet of land of the Stanley A. Ringer Playground, Allston, to the West End House, Inc. for the sum of $25,000.00. This sale had been approved previously by the Commission. The West End House is to construct on the area a new recreation facility which will probably cost in the neighborhood of $1,500,000.00 to $2,000,000.00.

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CITY AUDITOR'S NOTICES

The Secretary read to the Commission notice received from the City Auditor that his office has set aside the sum of $10,000.00, received from the Boston Edison Company, for a small parcel of park land at B and Third Streets, South Boston, and $30,000.00 from the Carney Hospital for a wooded area of Dorchester Park in the rear of the hospital. These sums of money will be expended by the Parks and Recreation Department within the district where the property was sold.

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CRAWFORD STREET, ROXBURY

The Secretary read the order transferring 40,439 square feet of land from the School Department to the Parks and Recreation Department, on an order of the Public Facilities Department, with the approval of the Mayor.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD ROAD, BRIGHTON

The sale of this land which has been before the Commission at various times since 1950 hasfinally been approved by the City Council and Mayor. We are awaiting the official order confirming this fact. The sale is to be to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, 72 Franklin Street, Boston, for $175,000.

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COMMONWEALTH AVENUE--BACK BAY COMMISSION

Commissioner Tierney reported to the Commission that it is hoped that within the next few years to spend in excess of $250,000.00 in the redevelopment and renewal of Commonwealth Avenue from Arlington Street to Massachusetts Avenue. The first contract for doing this work between Arlington Street and Berkeley Street has been awarded to the State Street Engineering Company, Boston, for the sum of $27,125.00.

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KENMORE SQUARE

Chief Engineer Byrne reported that progress is being made by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority in the development of a new surface station. The area will be surrounded by trees and planting boxes to be furnished by the Park Department.

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COPLEY SQUARE

Commissioner Tierney stated that some progress is being made on this large project, and when all the necessary appropriations have been received, then the work will proceed.

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CASTLE SQUARE, SOUTH END

Chief Engineer Byrne stated that the contract for the development of this area was awarded to the Martin J. Kelly Company, Inc., Jamaica Plain, in the amount of $221,749.00. Work has started in the development of several small parks and recreation areas within this new housing development.

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MADISON PARK, ROXBURY

The Secretary informed the Commissioners that the School Committee, by a 3-2 vote, has agreed to acquire Madison Park and several other acres of land within that area for the construction of the new Central High School for Boys replacing the present English High School.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT--PARK DEPARTMENT

The Secretary read to the Commission a communication addressed to Malcolm E. Dudley, Director of the Public Facilities Department, under the date of August 8, 1967, concerning close cooperation between that department and the Parks and Recreation Department which will be required if all the contemplated programs are to be carried out satisfactorily.

Since sending that letter, the Park Department officials have met with the Public Facilities officials on three or four occasions in an effort to get this new department started on the right channel.

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TALBOT AVENUE AT WESTVIEW STREET, DORCHESTER

The Commission was informed that a letter was sent to the Public Improvement Commission on November 28 stating that the Parks and Recreation Department had no objection to the proposed widening of Talbot Avenue, at the westerly corner of Westview Street.

Approximately thirty-four (34) square feet of land, owned by the Parks and Recreation Department on Franklin Field, are required for this widening for more effective traffic control.

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CABOT STREET, ROXBURY

Commissioner Tierney informed the Commission that with the construction of the new inner-belt highway, the Parks and Recreation Department will probably lose the Cabot Street Bath and Pool, but an effort will be made to retain this much-needed facility.

This matter was laid on the table by the Commissioners.

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION--NAMING OF TWO AREAS WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT

The Secretary reported that notices have been received from the M.D.C. that under Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1967, the new athletic plant in the Cleveland Circle section of the Brighton district will be known as the "John A. Ryder Sports Arena" and
under Chapter 694 of the Acts of 1967, the recreational facility in the Tenean Beach area of the Dorchester district will be designated as the "James E. Leahy Recreational Area."

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, BOSTON COMMON

Commissioner Tierney informed the Commissioners of many new features that had been added to the Christmas Festival in 1967.

It was pointed out that the very first Christmas Festival and also many Festivals following that one were conducted under the direction of Associate Commissioner Harry J. Blake.

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CONTRACT DATA SINCE THE LAST MEETING IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

SECRETARY

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CONTRACTS AWARDED TO THE LOWEST BIDDER SINCE JULY 25, 1967:

(1) "Construction of Park Areas, Castle Square Redevelopment, Boston"

Martin J. Kelly Company, Inc., 75 Stedman Street, Jamaica Plain,

....$221,749.00

(2) "Renovation of Tennis Courts at Billings Field, West Roxbury"

Old Colony Construction Company of Quincy, Vernon Street, Quincy

....$9,482.50

(3) "Renovation of Tennis Courts At Franklin Field, Dorchester"

Old Colony Construction Company of Quincy, Vernon Street, Quincy

....$11,148.50

(4) "Concrete and Brick Pavement at Paul Revere Mall, Boston"

D. Cicconi, Inc., 21 Shannon Street, Brighton, Mass.

....$17,595.00

(5) "Floodlighting the Ballfield at North End Park, Boston"

Balcom Electric Company, 27 Irving Court, Malden, Mass.

....$31,465.00

(6) "Improvements to Mall, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass."

State Street Engineering Corporation, 80 Boylston Street, Boston

....$27,125.00

(7) "Construction of Concrete Handball Courts at "L" Street Bath House, Boston"

Aliberti Bros., Inc., 405 Main Street, Wakefield, Mass.

LOW BIDDER AT $48,847.00
BUT BECAUSE OF ILLEGAL BID,

AWARDED TO SECOND BIDDER..

Clifford Construction Co., Inc., 335 Main Street, Charlestown, Mass.

.....$51,050.00

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CONTRACTS ADVERTISED BUT NOT AWARDED:

(1) "Floodlighting the Ballfield at Fallon Field, West Roxbury, Mass."

(2) "Floodlighting the Ballfield at Columbus Park, South Boston, Mass."